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Anatomy of a Jail: Escobar Had It All Visit to Colombian Facility Reveals Drug Lord Fortress

By James Brooke

ENVIGADO, Colombia — The image of Pablo Escobar Gaviria lounging on his prison water bed while coordinating shipments of tons of cocaine to the United States on his cellular telephone is not quite accurate, say lawyers who visited the trafficker in his hillside jail here.

First of all, Colombia's wealthiest citizen had to make do with a foam mattress until his water bed was installed last year.

Finally, the lawyers say, Mr. Escobar, 42, was not one to work in bed, and presided over his business meetings at the head of a proper boardroom table.

Two weeks after Mr. Escobar and nine of his cohorts escaped, police officials are increasingly pessimistic that the nationwide manhunt will have any success.

On Tuesday, the authorities announced that overflights of Medellín by U.S. military spy planes had ended.

"It's very difficult to predict the outcome," said Fernando Brito, director of Colombia's intelligence police.

What about charges that Mr. Escobar continued trafficking until he escaped from the jail July 27?

"It was important to have him physically detained, but no one really thought he would stop trafficking," said Juan Guillermo Sepúlveda, a lawyer from nearby Medellín who, as local state prosecutor, helped negotiate Mr. Escobar's surrender June 19, 1991.

Since Mr. Escobar's escape, formerly tight-lipped officials are coming forward with a flood of new information confirming long-held suspicions that the fence-off complex overlooking this suburb was not the trafficker's jail but his fortress, a cage that he was able to glide in and from which it appears he could have escaped whenever he wanted.

But there was little reason for Mr. Escobar to want to leave, not until the government began a crackdown last month to reassert control over the prison.

For exercise, there was a soccer field and a personal gymnasium. He spruced up his personal living quarters with rugs, walk-in closets, a videocassette player, a stereo system, a bar, a refrigerator, a large color television and a whirlpool bath.

"Pablo Escobar's rooms looked like a wealthy bachelor's pad," an official in the state prosecutor's office told the newspaper El Tiempo.

Short of domestic servants, Mr. Escobar impressed several of his guards to serve as bartenders and waiters during his parties, photographs confiscated at the prison indicate.

The police also found a large selection of women's underwear, which led them to conclude that the prisoner received frequent visits from prostitutes.

"The whole spectacle is disgusting," said Colombia's attorney

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Nelson Mandela addressing 50,000 supporters Wednesday outside Union Buildings in Pretoria, which house the office of President Frederik W. de Klerk.

Outside de Klerk's Office, Blacks Serve Notice

By David B. Ottaway

PRETORIA — Tens of thousands of African National Congress supporters marched peacefully through central Pretoria to the seat of white power at Union Buildings, where they raised the ANC flag and sang the black national anthem outside the office of President Frederik W. de Klerk.

It was the largest demonstration of support for ANC policies ever seen in this conservative Afrikaner city, the country's administrative capital, with reporters estimating the crowd at 50,000 or more.

The march and rally marked the high point of the "mass action" campaign undertaken by the ANC and its allies to

pressure the government into taking tougher action to reduce township violence and handing over power speedily to a new, black-dominated government.

Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, was initially expected to lead the march, but he remained in his car after several abortive attempts to get him out in the middle of the crowd on Church Street, central Pretoria's main street.

ANC officials said they feared he would be crushed by the marchers and decided to drive him to Union Buildings instead.

After singing "God Bless Africa," the probable new national anthem under a black government, Mr. Mandela was introduced by the ANC's secretary-general, Cyril Ramaphosa, as "the next president of South Africa."

This set off waves of chants of "De Klerk must go, De Klerk must go" from a crowd clearly delighted to see Mr. Mandela standing so close to the president's office.

"We are just at the doors of Union Buildings now," Mr. Ramaphosa said.

"Next time, Mr. de Klerk, we are going to be inside your office."

Two rows of riot policemen were spread out along two parallel roads running below Union Buildings, a sprawling, Roman-style structure with a large amphitheater in the center.

The government mobilized 1,000 policemen and army soldiers in case of trouble, but there was no violence and only one police report of looting as the

marchers largely bearded Mr. Mandela's pleas to "go home in peace."

Later Mr. Mandela praised the general strike as "one of the greatest events in our history."

He said "more than four million" workers had stayed away from work in addition to "millions" of students and civil servants who had also participated.

The formation of an interim government of national unity, he said, was "an urgent and critical step" without which there could be no further progress in the suspended constitutional talks with the government.

Toward the end of his speech, Mr. Mandela deviated from his prepared text

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UN May Pull Peacekeepers As Sarajevo Battles Rage

Citing Atrocity Reports, U.S. Seeks 'War Crimes' Investigation by the UN

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A spokesman for UN peacekeepers raised the possibility Wednesday of a pullout from Sarajevo as Muslims and Serbs battled in and around the capital with tanks, rockets and artillery.

"There comes a time when we have to assess the situation," said the UN's local spokesman, Mik Magnusson, after the intense shooting forced the Sarajevo airport to close, blocking relief flights of food and medicine.

"I guess that time comes now."

In Washington, acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said that reports of

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abuses in detention centers in Bosnia were "profoundly disturbing" and warranted a war crimes investigation.

Mr. Eagleburger said Washington would ask the UN Security Council to seek information "concerning war crimes." He noted that the council had issued a statement Tuesday that "reminded those involved in any abuses that they can be held individually responsible for breaches of the Geneva Conventions."

U.S. diplomats have been instructed to inform Serbian, Bosnian and Croatian officials of Washington's demand that the International Committee of the Red Cross be given "immediate, unimpeded and continuing access to any places of detention."

The United States also asked Russia to use its influence with the Serbs to gain access.

In New York, the UN Security Council demanded, after the reports of atrocities, that the Red Cross and other world organizations be allowed to inspect camps and prisons in the lands of former Yugoslavia.

The leader of the Bosnia's Serbian community strongly denied the existence of concentration camps and invited inspection.

"This all is obviously initiated by Muslim propaganda," Radovan Karadzic said from his headquarters in Pale, outside Sarajevo. In a telephone interview, he said the Red Cross and similar groups were "welcome to see the truth for themselves."

A spokesman for the Red Cross told CNN from Geneva that it had inspected nine camps in Bosnia and had not found evidence of systematic atrocities. He said the Red Cross had not been permitted to visit other camps, including some cited by refugees as sites of beatings and killings.

A statement read at a brief meeting of the UN Security Council condemned human rights violations and said information about the camps should be made available immediately.

In Geneva, the United States called Wednesday for a special session of the UN Human Rights Commission to examine "the dangerous deterioration of the human rights situation in the former Yugoslavia."

President François Mitterrand of France called for the protection of convoys delivering emergency supplies and also demanded that detention centers be opened to inspection.

"All humanitarian convoys should be protected, all camps should be visited, controlled and open," Mr. Mitterrand said during a weekly cabinet meeting, according to a spokesman.

And in London, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher appealed for military aid for the government of Bosnia, calling it a victim of a Communist war of aggression.

In the fighting Wednesday, a senior Bosnian commander said Muslims and Serbs launched simultaneous offensives.

The worst clashes were on Trebevic Mountain, a forested area overlooking Sarajevo. Rockets streamed toward the ridge and mortar shells hit the lower slope, along with occasional artillery shells.

Mr. Magnusson's warning on ending peacekeeping operations followed the UN's decision to close the airport for 72 hours after crossfire endangered landings and takeoffs.

"We have had one man killed and six badly injured," he said. "We cannot go on indefinitely."

"We do not send people into firefights," Mr. Magnusson said. "Is there any reason why we should commit suicide?"

The latest surge of fighting at Sarajevo indicated a Muslim effort to break a four-month siege.

(Reuters, AP, AFP)

Semper Fidelis: How Castro Has Managed to Endure

By Lee Hockstader

HAVANA — Eastern Europe's democratic revolution of 1989, which everywhere abolished Communist governments, was widely expected to produce a similar upheaval in Cuba. In Miami and Madrid, Cuban exiles celebrated and packed their bags, certain that President Fidel Castro's fall and their happy homecoming could only be weeks or months away.

Three years later, Cuba has defied the exiles' hopes and Washington's political pressure. Mr. Castro continues to attend summit

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conferences around the world, where he holds the media spotlight not only for his charisma but for the tenacity of his hold on power.

Why does communism in Cuba survive when it could not in Europe?

There are many obvious parallels between Cuba and the former East Bloc. Yet the government's persistence in power, with no sign of faltering immediately, is a testament not only to Mr. Castro and his repressive machine but also to cultural and historical peculiarities in Cuba.

Mr. Castro's historical significance is unlike that of the old East Bloc leaders. He is a guerrilla and a revolutionary who had the vision to tear down a discredited government

and replace it with something new. He and his followers make a claim to moral authority and legitimacy that virtually none of the old East Bloc apparatchiks ever bothered to assert.

As in the old East Bloc, Cuba's early promise of rapid growth and industrialization gave way to a stagnant, and now sinking, economy. There is a gap between the official propaganda, which glorifies socialism, and the dai-

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4 Officers Face Civil-Rights Trial In L.A. Beating

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal grand jury has indicted four white policemen on civil rights charges for beating a black motorist they had stopped for a traffic violation. The officers' acquittal in a state court last spring led to the worst urban riots in recent U.S. history.

Indictments handed down late Tuesday and unsealed Wednesday charged Laurence Powell, Timothy Wind and Theodore Briseno with aiding and abetting each other in beating, stomping and kicking the motorist, Rodney G. King, while on duty. The incident was videotaped.

Sergeant Stacey Koon was charged with failing to prevent an unlawful assault by officers under his command. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The U.S. attorney, Lourdes Baird, said prosecutors would not allege that the beating was racially motivated, although the defendants are white and Mr. King is black.

The indictments capped three months of grand jury hearings begun shortly after the April 29 verdicts in the state trial set off rioting. The riots caused millions of dollars in damage and the death of 52 people.

President George Bush denounced the state jury's decision. Ms. Baird maintained there was no political pressure in return indictments before the presidential election and said she never discussed the case with the White House.

The former Los Angeles police chief, Daryl Gates, said that the new indictments were overkill. "No other individual would be put to this kind of test and police officers are being put to it and I think it's tragic," Mr. Gates said.

Kiosk

Milken Eligible for Parole in 7 Months

In the latest chapter of a saga that rocked Wall Street and America in the 1980s, Michael R. Milken will be eligible for parole early next year under a sentence reduction announced Wednesday.

Mr. Milken, 46, not only cooperated with U.S. prosecutors looking into other securities fraud cases, he also set an exemplary example in prison, tutoring other inmates and developing a classroom curriculum, according to U.S. District Judge Kimba M. Wood, who ordered his sentenced reduced.

The former Drexel Burnham Lambert junk-bond king had been sentenced to 10 years after pleading guilty to six felony counts and paying \$600 million in penalties. He has served 17 months and now will be eligible for parole in seven months.

If society did not reward cooperation by the worst criminals — who often know the most about high-level criminal schemes — many serious crimes would go undetected and unpunished," Judge Wood wrote.

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Records Keep Falling

Quincy Watts of the United States set his second Olympic record in three nights, winning the 400 meters in 43.50 seconds.

Marie-José Pérec of France won the women's 400-meter hurdles. In the semifinals of the men's 200, Mike Marsh of the United States set an Olympic record of 19.73 seconds.

His teammate Michael Johnson, the world champion, failed to reach the finals of the 200. He said he was weak from illness.

Dave Johnson of the United States, the favorite in the decathlon, was given a fourth chance in the shot put after officials had ruled he fouled on all three of his throws.

But Samuel Matete of Zambia, the world champion, was disqualified in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

U.S. Women Upset

The vaunted U.S. women's basketball team was upset by the Unified Team, 79-73, in the semifinals. The Unified Team will meet China, which beat Cuba, 109-70.

Although the Americans had been behind, 47-41, at the half, they pulled into a 57-55 lead with 12 minutes 39 seconds left to play. "I thought we were on our way," said Theresa Grentz, the U.S. coach.

But with an offense paced by 6-foot 4-inch center Elena Khoudachova and 6-foot 2-inch forward Natalia Zassoukha, the Unified Team forged ahead.

Diamond Gold to Cuba

Cuba won the gold medal in baseball with 11-1 triumph over Taiwan. Japan won the bronze, beating the United States, 8-3. Koichi Oshima got three hits and drove in four runs for the Japanese, who hammered U.S. pitching.

A Volleyball Victory

In the men's quarterfinals, the United States beat the Unified Team, 3-1 (12-15 15-10 15-4 15-11).

China Olympic Madness

A lot of Chinese are nodding at work these days. The Olympics are keeping them up until the early-morning hours. Because of the seven-hour time difference with Barcelona, the 19 hours a day of Olympic coverage provided by government television coverage runs well into the night.

"It's about time we picked up some gold," said a shopkeeper in his 20s. "With 1.1 billion people, we should be winning all the golds."

China won only five gold medals in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, but as of Tuesday it had already won 15 in Barcelona.

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Dave Johnson, the decathlon favorite, making his third shot put attempt Wednesday.

Pelota, Handmade: At Play in the Court of the Queen

By Ian Thomsen

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNE BARCELONA — Slowly, patiently, Alfonso Izquierdo, the Mexican pelota player, pulled the sack off of his head. "Oh, my hands feel great," he said. "They feel fine."

His large, swollen hands looked like knotted oak trees. His fingers were the branches. The joints would, surely, soon sprout acorns.

In his neighborhood had tied ropes to his wrists and swung from them until they were pinked and splayed. Alfonso Izquierdo, the Mexican pelota player, the Olympian for this one day, held his hands out before him and tried to straighten his fingers.

Proudly, he could not.

"This is the queen of pelota," he said. "It is one thing to hit the ball with a racket. It is an entirely different thing to hit it until your hand is numb, and you are doing it with the entire force of your body."

Izquierdo had just come from the pelota court, where he stood far away from a high wall. The ball would bounce off the wall to him and he would — slap — hit it with his bare hand back against the wall. The ball is slightly smaller than a baseball and — slap — the bats break. In tennis, racket strings break. In other forms of pelota, the thick wood rackets, like oversized kitchen stirring spoons — even they break. Slap.

"If the weather is dry, they break all the time," said Fernando Iniestra of Mexico while waving his racket, which he had used to

win his match of pelota earlier Wednesday. There is a rumor, someone said, that some crazy men play pelota with their bare hands. "Have you not seen them play?" Iniestra said. "It is beautiful. It is really, really beautiful."

Here they were. Izquierdo's Mexican team was losing its 22-point doubles match to a couple of pelota players from France. The star was a 44-year-old Frenchman, Daniel Muthberta, who with his bare left hand (swollen not quite to the size of a second baseman's mitt) was able to — slap — bounce the ball high and hard against the wall. The sport tends to be unkind to players past their 30s, whose swollen hands throbb with arthritis and circulation problems.

The Frenchman methodically built their lead to 19-10. Izquierdo's partner was spending most of his time near the wall in a bored

slouch — slap — looking up to watch the ball bouncing high over his head. The ball was bouncing high over everyone's reach to the other end of the court, where Izquierdo stood alone, bowed in exhaustion. He appeared to sigh each time the ball moved toward him. His right arm would lever back — slap — and he would scream — aagghh! — the two sounds clapping as grotesquely as a pair of swollen hands. If you opened your eyes to see his follow-through spinning him a full circle, you might think that he was being slapped around the court.

Pelota, roller hockey and taekwon do are the demonstration sports here, perhaps the last demonstration sports the Olympics will see. The Games have become too crowded to permit demonstration sports in 1996 in Atlanta.

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# CAMPAIGN '92 / SOCIAL ISSUES

## 'No Matter the Price,' Bush Says No on Abortion

By Bill McAllister  
Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — President George Bush condemned the U.S. abortion rate as "a national tragedy" Wednesday and assured a Catholic audience here that he would not abandon his anti-abortion position even though it may cost him votes.

"Several times I have ignored the polls and acted on what I believe is fundamental principle," the president told the national convention of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic lay organization, citing his votes of legislation that would have allowed federal funding of abortion in some cases.

"And I promise you again today that, no matter the political price — and they tell me in this year that it's enormous — I am going to do what I think is right," he said. "I will stand on my conscience and let my conscience be my guide when it comes to matters of life."

The president's pledge — in a speech on the need to restore the country's "moral fiber" — brought the audience of nearly 1,000 to feet in sympathetic applause. They had been prepped for the issue by their organization's supreme knight, Virgil Dechant, who warmly praised Mr. Bush for the votes that Mr. Dechant said "showed the courage of his convictions."

Mr. Bush used the speech to argue that "the president should set the moral tone for this nation" and that he had the best credentials for that role. "And if you are looking to

restore America's moral fiber, why buy synthetic, when you can buy real cotton?" he quipped.

As he has begun to do in recent speeches, the president sought to make light of critics of his sluggish re-election campaign and polls that show him trailing Governor Bill Clinton. On Monday, he likened himself to a U.S. Olympic swimmer who started late in her race and managed to win the gold medal.

He jokingly compared himself to Christopher Columbus, the man for whom the Catholic group is named.

"Think about it. The guy was faced with questions at home about whether his global efforts were worth a darn. Some critics wanted to cut his voyage short. He even faced the threat of mutiny," Mr. Bush said to laughter. "And yet Columbus persevered and won — not a bad analogy in my view."

Mr. Bush sounded the "moral" theme in his speech, declaring that "a central issue of this election should be: Who do you trust to renew America's moral purpose?"

He cited issues highly popular among Catholics, such as his proposal for allowing increased public funds for private schools and his opposition to distribution of condoms in public schools. Such positions were, he said, examples of his moral values.

"We didn't stand together to see courageous moral values rise in Russia, only to be ignored here at home," he said,

linking his domestic programs to international events. "We did not sacrifice so that personal responsibility could triumph in totalitarian regimes, only to become passed here in this great nation."

Abortion looms as perhaps the most contentious social issue of the campaign. Mr. Clinton supports a woman's right to choose an abortion, and Democratic leaders in Congress are searching for enough votes to send Mr. Bush legislation that would expand abortion rights following a recent Supreme Court ruling that narrowed them.

Mr. Bush made no mention during his speech of the economy, the issue that polls indicate is giving Mr. Clinton much support. The Democrat leads Mr. Bush by 25 points or more in most public opinion polls.

But he did evoke other issues on which he and the Democratic nominee differed.

On welfare, Mr. Bush suggested that Mr. Clinton favored a government-guaranteed job for every recipient, and he ridiculed such an idea.

On education, the president said he favored permitting parents to use government vouchers to finance religious or private school tuition, as a way of giving them a break on the property taxes they pay for public schools. He said Mr. Clinton favored extending school choice only to different public schools.

### ELECTION NOTES

#### A Step Ahead for Women but Not for Bush Kin

WASHINGTON — The women's march on the U.S. Senate continues: Gloria O'Dell of Kansas and Geri Rothman-Serot of Missouri won Democratic primaries, becoming the eighth and ninth women to gain Senate nominations so far this year. Both face Republican incumbents who won easy victories in their own primaries — the Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, and Christopher S. Bond of Missouri, who is serving his first term.

The victories of Ms. O'Dell and Ms. Rothman-Serot made this year's class of women senatorial candidates nearly the largest ever. The most women to win Senate nominations in one year was 10, in 1984, according to the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University. Several more women are running in primaries still to be held. Of the nine to win nominations so far this year, eight are Democrats. Only two of the present 100 senators are women: Barbara A. Mikulski, Democrat of Maryland, and Nancy L. Kassebaum, Republican of Kansas, daughter of Alf Landon, who ran against Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1936.

In the Missouri primary, another candidate with a famous relative lost the Republican nomination for Congress: George Herbert Walker 3d, a brokerage executive and a cousin of President George Herbert Walker Bush, ran a distant second to James M. Talent, a state House leader. Mr. Walker had sought to play down his family connection, saying only, "I just happen to have a wonderful relative who lives in the White House." (AP, LAT)

#### The Republicans' All-Star Convention Lineup

WASHINGTON — Former President Gerald R. Ford will help launch President George Bush's formal re-election campaign with a speech on the last night of the Republican National Convention, according to a party spokesman. Gary Koops, another former president, Ronald Reagan, had already been drafted to open the convention on Aug. 17 in Houston.

Patrick J. Buchanan, who mounted a surprisingly strong and acerbic challenge to Mr. Bush in early Republican primaries, will get a prime-time speaking slot on the first night. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas will give the keynote address, while the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole, a 1988 Bush primary opponent, will introduce the president before his acceptance speech.

The president will be the only Bush at center stage at the Astrodome. His wife, Barbara, is scheduled to give a prime-time address Aug. 19 on family values. Labor Secretary Lynn Martin, who openly disagrees with Mr. Bush's anti-abortion stance, will formally nominate him with a speech Aug. 16.

Other speakers will include two other 1988 Bush primary foes — the secretary of housing and urban development, Jack F. Kemp, and the television evangelist Pat Robertson — as well as the former White House chief of staff, John H. Sununu. Despite any past differences, "all of the speakers agree on the importance of re-electing George Bush and Dan Quayle," Mr. Koops said. (AP)

#### The Orange County Edge is in Jeopardy

NEWPORT BEACH, California — George Bush's backers in California fear that he will not carry Orange County — the heart of conservative Republicanism — by a large enough margin to offset the normally heavy Democratic pluralities in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. At stake is the biggest prize in the election, California's 54 electoral votes, one-fifth of the 270 electoral votes needed for election. Since 1880, no Republican has won the presidency without carrying California.

"The president is in very serious difficulty," said Allan E. Hoffenbium, a Republican political consultant in Los Angeles. "If he's in trouble in Orange County, he's in trouble, period. Bush will carry Orange County, but the question is, will he get just 52 percent? Anytime a Republican gets less than 60 percent in Orange County, he loses the state."

For now, the news is mostly bad for the president. A poll taken by The Orange County Register on July 16 and 17, just after the Democratic National Convention, found Bill Clinton, the Democratic nominee, leading Mr. Bush in the county 42 percent to 35 percent, with former backers of Ross Perot going for Mr. Clinton by nearly two to one. The poll of 403 registered voters had a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points. A "phonecall" 62- to 28 percent lead over Mr. Bush statewide, the largest lead ever for a presidential candidate in the 45-year history of the poll. The poll of 1,192 adults had a margin of error of three percentage points. (NYT)

#### Quote/Unquote

President George Bush, complaining that the press gives a distorted picture of the economy: "I don't think that's right when the American people think and are told we are in a recession when we are not. Now some areas are I've got to be careful because I'll get some phone calls from California saying, you know, the president's disconnected. He doesn't understand. Or New Hampshire. Disconnected." (JRT)

#### Away From the Hustings

- A 35-year-old man who underwent the world's first baboon-to-human liver transplant has been moved from the intensive care unit to a regular room at Presbyterian University Hospital in Pittsburgh, a hospital spokesman said.
- A study of gender bias in the U.S. court system found that women lawyers, clients and employees face bias and harassment that ranges from subtle comments to "groping under the conference table," according to the survey in nine Western states.
- A man who had been paroled from prison three months ago was charged with the murders of five young women and a 14-year-old girl in Orange and Dutchess counties of New York State about 80 miles north of New York City.
- Twenty-six major fires blackening about 148,000 acres (60,000 hectares) were raging in Western states, and fire officials predicted the worst may be yet to come.
- Calling the nation's system of child-support enforcement "a dinosaur mired in paper," the U.S. Commission on Interstate Child Support recommended that Congress make it a crime for a parent to willfully fail to pay support.
- U.S. prosecutors refused a judge's request to prosecute the founder of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue on criminal contempt charges, citing the Bush administration's support for the group.
- An F-117A Stealth fighter crashed and the pilot ejected without serious injury, the authorities said.
- The assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan B. Sirhan, was denied parole for the 14th time in California, where he is serving a life sentence for the killing. (UPI, WP, NYT, Reuters, AP)

## The Health-Care Shoot-Out

### 2 Candidates Stress Their Differences

By Dana Priest and Spencer Rich  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The emergence of health care as a hot issue in the presidential race has resulted in campaign discourse that sounds like something from the bad old days of the Cold War.

President George Bush has been saying that Governor Bill Clinton's health-care system would have the compassion of the Soviet secret police. The Arkansas governor has responded with his own charge that the president's proposal amounts to "the same old placebo" and that Mr. Bush "displays no passion" for resolving the crisis.

Beyond the attempt to cast each other's proposals in the most extreme and unfavorable light, there are very real differences between Mr. Bush's and Mr. Clinton's approaches to fixing what both agree is a broken system. There is some common ground as well.

To cure the health-care crisis, policy experts agree, two questions must be answered: How do you increase access to health care for Americans who now cannot afford it, and how do you control soaring costs? There are 36 million Americans without health insurance, and for many years medical spending has climbed at double the rate of inflation.

On the basics: Mr. Clinton would guarantee health care for every American; Mr. Bush wants to make it easier for businesses to afford health insurance for employees.

Mr. Clinton would have the government set aggregate, nationwide spending ceilings, which would be translated by states into price controls. Mr. Bush wants to bring prices down through competition between health-care providers and customers.

The president's proposal relies mainly on the market system to solve the problem. He would give vouchers to the poor — worth \$1,250 for an individual and \$3,750 a year for families of three or more — and tax deductions for the middle class of the same amount to buy health insurance.

To control costs, Mr. Bush believes that if small businesses form large insurance-purchasing groups they can get lower premiums from insurers and reduce administrative costs. He proposes greater use of health-maintenance organizations, or HMOs, reform of malpractice laws and development of computer-billing and medical-history networks to reduce spending.



Bill Clinton attending the funeral in Washington of a campaign official, C. Victor Raiser II, and his son, who died in a plane crash in Alaska. One row back was Al Gore, facing his wife, Tipper.

Mr. Clinton's plan requires all employers either to provide their employees with private health insurance or to pay a fee to enroll them in a government-certified public plan. Low-income people without jobs could join a public plan with a government subsidy.

As the general election campaign begins, each side is trying to cast the other's proposal in the most extreme light.

Mr. Bush portrays Mr. Clinton's proposal as a quick race toward an uncaring system run by government bureaucrats. "We'll have a health-care system with the efficiency of the motor vehicle," he said, referring to the motor vehicle administration, "and also the KGB, the same compassion."

"As long as I am president," he said Monday in Dalton, Georgia, "I am not going to let our medical system be socialized or nationalized."

In fact, Mr. Clinton's proposal would leave the operation of hospitals and clinics in private hands, and it would be up to those providers to figure out how to live within the cost controls set by the government.

The Arkansas governor, with the help of vocal congressional Democrats, says Mr. Bush's plan would not remedy the problems of access and cost. The president's plan "combines the compassion of his anti-recession program with the efficiency of his S&L bailout," Senator John D. Rockefeller 4th, Democrat of West Virginia, said at a news conference Tuesday, adding

that he could not understand how Mr. Bush could be "so callous, so indifferent and so unknowledgeable" on the issue.

In fact, although the president speaks often about preserving the "free market," his plan, health-care analysts say, would reshape the insurance industry, killing off many small companies that make their profits by insuring the healthiest and lowest-risk individuals.

Both candidates argue that their plans will preserve "what's best" in the American health-care system — namely, the ability of individuals to choose a personal physician or hospital. In fact, both proposals, health-care analysts say, would push more Americans into HMOs and other managed-care arrangements that are more cost-efficient than traditional fee-for-service arrangements.

There is other common ground. Both Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton contend that their proposals will not require tax increases but can be paid for through cost savings that would result from their changes.

Both proposals also preserve the private insurance system and the employer as the primary payer of insurance, although Republicans argue that Mr. Clinton's government-insurance option is only a veiled step toward a totally government-run system.

Both plans also alter the health industry to make it easier for businesses to buy insurance for people with existing medical conditions and easier for employees to carry their insurance with them to new jobs.

## High Stakes at Ex-Spy Chief's Trial

### Former CIA Aide Mentions, but Doesn't Implicate, Bush

By Ronald J. Ostrow  
Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — A former CIA operative who coordinated arms shipments to the Nicaraguan contras testified that he changed his mind about leaving Central America after a 1986 meeting in the Vice President George Bush's office.

The testimony by the Central Intelligence Agency operative, Felix Rodriguez, which came at the perjury and obstruction trial of the former CIA spy chief, Clair E. George, did not implicate Mr. Bush because Mr. Rodriguez said that the secret 1986 efforts to supply the contras were not discussed in Mr. Bush's presence.

But the introduction of Mr. Bush's name indicates the high political stakes surrounding the trial of Mr. George, the highest CIA official to be indicted in the Iran-contras scandal.

Mr. Rodriguez said Tuesday he had requested the meeting with Mr. Bush to notify him he was planning to leave El Salvador because his idea of introducing helicopter tactics to the Salvadoran Air Force had caught on and he wanted to be reunited with his family in the United States.

praise at the meeting from the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador at the time, Edwin G. Corr, for the "magnificent" work he had been doing to help fight Communist-backed insurgents. Mr. Corr said he wanted Mr. Rodriguez to stay in El Salvador for as long as he was ambassador, Mr. Rodriguez said.

Four of the nine counts against Mr. George accuse him of giving false statements to House and Senate committees in October 1986 about his knowledge of Mr. Rodriguez's involvement in the contra resupply work. While Mr. Rodriguez testified that he did not meet Mr. George until last month, his testimony corroborated that of the government's main witness, Alan D. Fiers Jr., former chief of the CIA's Central American task force.

In trying to introduce his "helicopter concept" to the Salvadoran struggle in 1985, Mr. Rodriguez said he turned to Donald Gregg, then Mr. Bush's national security adviser. Mr. Gregg, now U.S. ambassador to South Korea, had been his CIA superior in Vietnam in 1970-72 when Mr. Rodriguez developed the helicopter tactics, which included operating at near treetop level.

Mr. Gregg arranged a meeting for Mr. Rodriguez with an assistant secretary of state, and Mr. Rodriguez also met Mr. Bush in January

1985, he testified, where they discussed the helicopter concept, but not contra resupply. Two months later he was in El Salvador where he stayed until 1989.

Mr. Rodriguez said he became involved in the contra resupply at the request of Oliver L. North, then a National Security Council aide.

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Taste: The Hot Line to the Brain

By Jane E. Brody  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Shrimp barbecued in a tangy marinade may seem to delight your taste buds, but as researchers who study the workings of individual taste cells have recently shown, such a dish would send those tiny sensory organs in your mouth into overdrive as they raced through a series of recently discovered biochemical reactions to process the complex seasonings even before you swallowed the first bite.

The taste buds actively accept, reject and modify taste stimuli through a complicated network of chemical and electrical signals that the brain understands instinctively but that scientists are just now scrambling to unravel.

For example, researchers at the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology in Nutley, New Jersey, recently published their identification of an important protein messenger in taste buds, gustducin, that is activated in response to all sweet and some bitter taste stimuli.

According to Dr. Robert F. Margolake and his colleagues, gustducin's role in taste buds is comparable to that of protein receptors called transducins in the eye.

Transducins, which are far better studied messenger chemicals, help to translate the light that reaches the retina into messages to be sent to the brain.

Gustducin, which is found only in taste buds, acts as an intermediary between the receptor molecule for sweet stimuli and a chain of subsequent steps, finally sending a message to the brain that something sweet has been tasted.

"Taste research has not been a high-priority item with our major funding agency, the National Institutes of Health," said Dr. Stephen D. Roper, a neurobiologist at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, "although this may change now that connections have been established between taste and the control of food intake." As scores of studies recently summarized by Dr. Roper in the Journal of Neuroscience have shown, each of the four basic tastes

impinges upon taste cells in its own way, setting off reactions that change the cells' electrical charge and trigger the release of chemical messengers that ultimately tell the brain what is being eaten.

Take, for example, the shrimp marinade. Each flavoring ingredient registers individually yet somehow gets integrated into a memorable taste sensation.

The sodium in the soy-based marinade flows readily into taste cells through channels in their membranes; the sour-tasting lemon juice closes the channels that normally let potassium flow out of the cells; the honey is greeted by cell-surface receptors that carry sweet taste stimuli over the threshold of the cell membrane; the bitterness in the orange rind closes potassium channels and also may link up with receptors, setting off a chain reaction that ultimately releases calcium within the cell.

At the same time, that generous pinch of cayenne that gave the marinade its special kick is irritating sensory nerve fibers in the tongue and nose and, in the process, enhancing perception of the other taste stimuli.

As Dr. Roper put it, the cells seem to "talk" to one another, passing taste information to and fro and modifying it in still-mysterious ways before it gets to the brain.

"It's like a complicated chord in a musical piece," Dr. Roper explained in an interview. "The chords — bitter, sour, salt and sweet — probably have multiple notes. We've got one of those notes, but the others are not yet known."

Onions to Ions: Pathway From Tongue to Brain

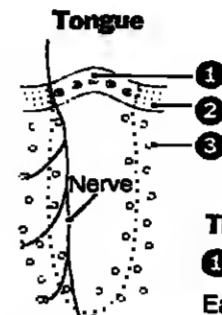
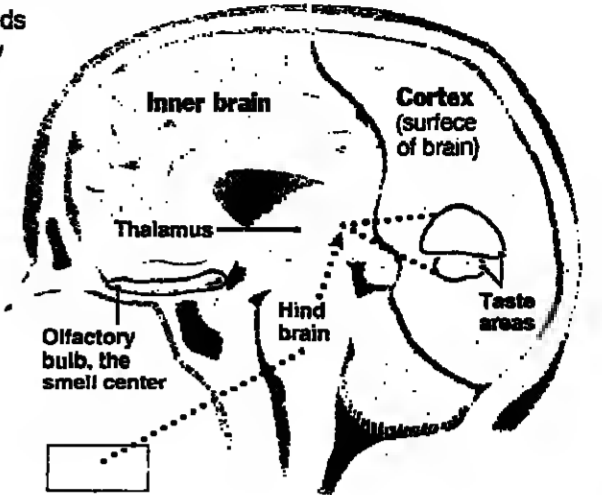
New research has shown that cells in the taste buds are not just passive receptors of sweet, sour, salty and bitter, but actively accept, reject and modify taste stimuli through complex chemical and electrical signals. Visible bumps called papillae contain multiple taste buds; in each bud, taste cells surround a pore.

The taste receptors

Receptor taste cells have chemically sensitive tips; basal cells interact with them and work out a message. For example, some tastes affect the working of ion channels. Ion movements change the cells' electrical charge, triggering chemical messengers to the brain.

Recognition in the brain

The end result of taste is a series of tiny electric signals to taste centers in the brain. There is no direct connection with the olfactory bulb, the center of smell processing, yet the sense of smell may represent 80 percent of flavor. The sensory centers interact in the brain in ways that are not yet known.



Three types of taste papillae: 1 CIRCUMVALATE, 2 FOLIATE, 3 FUNGIFER. Each contains up to 250 taste buds. Each contains one to five taste buds.

Sources: "Principles of Neural Science," Kandel, Schwartz and Jessell (Elsevier); Dr. Stephen D. Roper

Genetic Jockeying Provokes Tomatophiles

By Molly O'Neill  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — There is fear and loathing among tomatophiles. Genetic jockeys are riding roughshod over their gastronomic Eden. They've inserted a gene into some tomatoes to thwart the ripening enzyme and slow rot. They've spliced an antifreeze gene from Arctic flounder into other tomatoes.

"Yuck," the writer Calvin Trillin said. "This sounds a little fishy."

Those who believe that vine-ripened, soft-walled, acid-flavored, summer-grown tomatoes are an inalienable right are quicker to take offense.

For them, "real tomatoes" are "an article of faith, a rallying point for the morally serious, a grail," writes Raymond Sokolov in his book "Why We Eat What We Eat." (Summit Books, 1991). The genetically altered tomato is a potential heretic. To change the tomato is to rend the social fabric.

Memories of the tomatoes of summer, lolling heavy on the vine, hot from the sun, are endangered by these brave new tomatoes. Even the future of the time-honored sport of

hurding rotten tomatoes at unsavory politicians hangs in the balance.

Pity the poor tomato! Its extraordinary genetic malleability has left it wide open to large-scale manipulation. In the last 200 years, it has been bred to be big and juicy, or thick-walled and pulpy, or round, or oval, or even in the case of VF 145, oblong, for ease of mechanical harvesting, though it was called "square." By now the tomato should not even know itself.

And yet the memory of its primordial, juicy and fleeting charms remains so vivid among tomatophiles that they would fling themselves under the train of progress that could save nearly \$2 billion in rotten tomatoes a year.

But this train is actually a fragile chain of DNA, so minute and elusive that it can't be flagged down, except perhaps by "issues" equally subtle and intimidating. So tomatophiles beat the drum of social and ethical concerns.

"The marketplace should be the voting booth where the public should be able to cast a ballot either in favor of eating whole, natural foods or in favor of eating gene-altered, analogue food," said Dr. Michael W. Fox, author of "Superpigs and Wondercorn," a book about the ethics of biotechnology, which will be published by Lyon & Burford in the fall.

If, as the Bush administration has recommended, geneti-

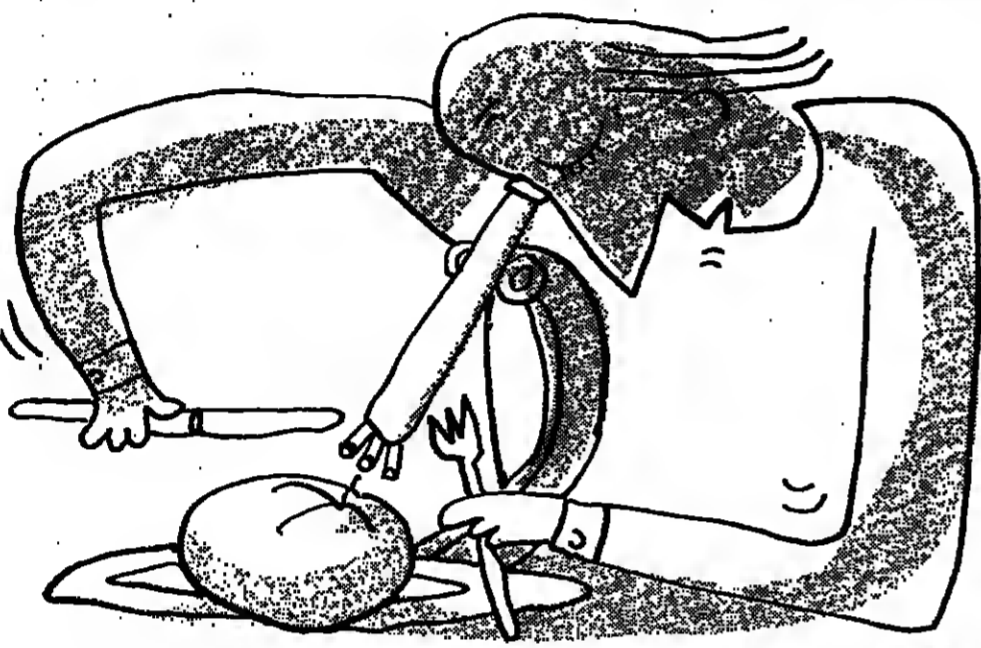
cally altered food is not labeled, and the public is none the wiser, Dr. Fox reasons, how can the public vote?

He also worries about what happens to the active nutrients, the vitamins and enzymes whose development is suspended along with the ripening process in some genetically altered tomatoes. And he worries about the delicate biochemical relationship between the physiology of humans and the foods they eat that has evolved over ages.

Genetic engineers wave such apocalyptic concerns aside. Such worries are a sort of smoke screen for the fact that tomatophiles are wed to memories of tomatoes grown generations before they were even born.

"These tomatoes of yore, well, they haven't been around for about three, four hundred years," said Thomas Churchwell, president of Calgene Fresh, the Chicago company that is about to introduce a tomato with a longer shelf life. Bismphemy! screech the tomatophiles. They testify to tomatoes that squashed rather than bouncing when dropped out a sixth-story window.

Not that the new technology doesn't suggest some advantages. Lee Bailey, the cookbook author who has recently written "Tomatoes" (Clarkson Potter), doesn't talk at the thought of Arctic flounder genes in his tomatoes. "Very Provencal, fish and tomatoes," he said.



For Gene Handling, a New Tool

By Malcolm W. Browne  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — By selectively breeding molecules, a California laboratory has created a new tool for manipulating the genes of living organisms.

The achievement, which is reported in the current issue of the journal Science, might one day yield new weapons against a variety of human diseases, including AIDS. The technique developed at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, by Dr. Gerald F. Joyce and his colleagues mimics natural evolutionary processes by subjecting test-tube solutions of genetic molecules to the same kinds of conditions that produce new animal species.

Dr. Joyce has succeeded in inducing populations of ordinary RNA molecules to produce a new type of RNA molecule that can efficiently chop a DNA molecule apart, something so known RNA molecule had done.

Dr. Joyce showed that this laboratory-made RNA molecule could be used as a template for making a snippet of new DNA, which when inserted into the common bacterium E. coli, rendered it immune to attack by a virus called M13.

"Protecting a bacterium against a disease that attacks only bacteria may not seem very practical," Dr. Joyce said, "but it demonstrates a principle that may have far-reaching applications in attacking human diseases. For me, the main satisfaction was in finding that molecules can evolve, just as animal species evolve when they are subjected to selective evolutionary pressures. It's Darwinian evolution in a test tube."

Dr. Joyce's work was partly financed by the AIDS division of the National Institutes of Health, with the object of finding chemical loopholes through which the DNA-altering ability of the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, could be disabled.

The work may also shed light on the origin of life. Many scientists believe that variants of RNA, the messenger molecule that instructs amino acids to assemble themselves as proteins, including DNA, the master genetic blueprint of most living organisms.

By promoting the evolution of molecules rather than entire organisms, the Scripps group vastly increased the number of constituents in the evolutionary process, and simultaneously reduced the time needed to create new variants.

Dr. Thomas R. Cech of the University of Colorado

in Boulder, who won the 1989 Nobel Prize in chemistry, described Dr. Joyce's achievement as "a real landmark."

The novelty of Dr. Joyce's system, Dr. Cech said, was that instead of attempting to design and build a new genetic molecule with the desired characteristics, the Scripps group simply created laboratory conditions "to let nature do the work."

The molecules Dr. Joyce used in his experiments belong to a class that Dr. Cech discovered, for which he won the Nobel Prize. Before the work of Dr. Cech and his co-winner, Dr. Sidney Altman of Yale University, RNA was considered to be purely a genetic messenger with no other functions.

But the two scientists found that RNA can also act as an enzyme, a substance that promotes chemical reactions. They found that certain RNA enzymes, those that Dr. Cech named ribozymes, could break apart and reorganize messenger RNA, thereby altering its genetic message.

Although ribozymes can efficiently cleave RNA molecules, they were thought to have little if any ability to cleave DNA molecules. But Dr. Joyce changed that view, creating ribozymes that have proved capable of splitting DNA fairly well.

The technique Dr. Joyce used may give genetic engineers an important new tool for removing using self-destructive genes in disease organisms.

HIV, for instance, has a genetic code consisting of RNA, but when it infects a healthy human cell, it copies the information from its own RNA code to the cell's DNA. Dr. Joyce said he believed that this infected DNA might be open to attack by some new ribozyme created by laboratory-induced evolution, offering a way to treat the disease. But he cautions that such a possibility is nowhere near realization.

Dr. Joyce and his colleagues have no idea why or how the new molecule works as it does.

"We don't attempt to design molecules rationally," he said. "We just stipulate what we want a molecule to do, and then let natural selection find the best way to go about it." Does the accelerated evolution of special-purpose RNA enzymes reproduce some of the steps by which natural evolution led from the first flicker of life four billion years ago to the human race?

Dr. Cech believes this question must remain forever unanswered, since so "fossil" remain of any of the primordial molecules from which life arose. But for Dr. Joyce, molecules from each evolutionary generation remain in frozen storage, available to retrace evolutionary pathways and to start new ones.

IN BRIEF

U.S. to Expand Use Of Anti-Cancer Drug

CORVALLIS, Oregon (AP) — The anti-cancer drug taxol will be made available to more women in the United States with breast cancer because of successes in clinical trials, according to a National Cancer Institute scientist. Supplies of the drug are limited because its only useful source is the bark of the Pacific yew tree.

U.S. Seeing a Boom In Multiple Births

WASHINGTON (WP) — The number of older women having babies and the increasing use of ovulation-inducing fertility drugs are fueling a dramatic baby boom of triplets, quadruplets and quintuplets in the United States.

How Warm the Sea? Coral Gives Answer

WASHINGTON (WP) — Information about the temperature of ancient tropical seas is stored in chemical form in fossil coral. Coral reefs are composed mostly of calcium carbonate, but a small fraction is composed of compounds in which strontium substitutes for calcium.

Why Deliver Babies? MDs Say They Like It

WASHINGTON (WP) — When researchers asked a group of family physicians why they continue to deliver babies as part of their medical practice while most of their colleagues do not, one answer came up much more often than any other: They like it.

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OPINION

Clear Old Words Ring True In the Multicultural Babble

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — "France," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald, "was a land, England was a people, but America, having about it that quality of the idea, was harder to utter."

The Gettysburg Address reverberated in 1863, and it still does, because it accorded with a deep national commitment to equality.

that all men are created equal. It is, surely, no accident that Mr. Will's book about the most potent presidential rhetoric in American history has become a best-seller in this political season.

Mr. Will, a journalist and historian (at Northwestern University), argues that the 15,000 people who heard Lincoln's strong tenor voice departed from the cemetery dedication ceremony "under a changed sky, into a different America."

Mr. Will errs a bit, but only in a way that is welcome just now. Being a man of words, he will perhaps be forgiven for somewhat exaggerating the impact of 272 of the most familiar words in America's civic liturgy.

The Civil War was begun to preserve the Union. The Gettysburg Address was the culmination of the redefinition of the war as a crusade for a "new birth of freedom."

However, the Gettysburg Address was not the sudden surprise, the solitary stroke that Mr. Will's exegesis suggests. It was the final act of a protracted process of transformation that had acquired irresistible momentum 14 months earlier.

about 35 miles (55 kilometers) south of Gettysburg, along Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, Maryland. There a Union victory, such as it was, was sufficient to enable Lincoln to announce that the Emancipation Proclamation was coming.

The proclamation itself was connected by a long, clear chain of logic to Lincoln's reaction — the hinge of his personal history — to the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.

In response, Lincoln, then an obscure former one-term congressman, called on the country to "readopt the Declaration of Independence."

The address is as important as Mr. Will says, but not exactly for the reason he says. It was not a stunning bolt from the blue.

Lincoln's 272 words reverberated in 1863, and still do, precisely because they accorded with a deep national commitment to equality.

The historian Gordon Woods, in his new book "The Radicalism of the American Revolution," demonstrates that whereas in 1760 America was a "monarchical" society in which hierarchy, patronage, servility and deference characterized social relations, by 1800 the democratic manners and mores of an egalitarian society had taken root.

Mr. Will's roosterlike and rewarding argument does demonstrate that Lincoln used words to make that material of things, a battle — flesh and bone and steel and shot — into an intellectual event, "testing" the durability of a nation "dedicated" to a proposition.

America is a polyglot nation of immigrants, a nation whose unity is based not on ethnicity but on an idea, a proposition. That is why clear-sighted Americans fight so fiercely for a certain educational canon, and against attempts, in the name of "multiculturalism," to locate civic identity not in shared convictions but in divisive ethnicities.

The deservedly large audience that Mr. Will has found for his book is hearkening evidence that the nation's ability to appreciate the elevating rhetoric of the politics of ideas has not atrophied in the recent absence of such politics.



Too Dry Even to Waste Tears

After the Village Has Gone Dry

By Michael Dorris

LOS ANGELES — In July, in Munsha, a hamlet arranged on a plateau in southeastern Zimbabwe, I met the other side of fear.

Gery Salole, the Ethiopian director of Save the Children's operation in southern Africa, stocked our Toyota halfway up a rocky incline so that we

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could talk to a woman he recognized. She was short, wore no shoes, had wrapped her head in a colorful turban

A businessman, she explained in soft English, the one who ran the shop that had run out of food a week ago, had drunk a cup of bad water the day before. Too thirsty to boil it first.

Munsha is in the midst of its seventh and most severe winter of drought, and the effect is brutal, dusty, too dry even for the waste of tears.

again until November and the first crop of maize won't be ready before May at the earliest.

The drought has dealt a blow to Zimbabwe, normally an exporter of grain and possessing one of the most stable and varied economies in sub-Saharan Africa.

Around Munsha, the weather barred any harvest this season; only five rapidly depreciating wells remain to meet the water needs of nearly 12,000 people.

The World Bank, anxious that vestiges of Zimbabwe's former inclination toward socialism be abandoned, urged the imposition of a token tuition charge for all grade levels.

Yet in some respects Munsha is a model Shona community, the beneficiary of past foreign philanthropic attention and subsidy.

Foreign aid inspectors always remark about the way the land stretches west toward the mountains.

way the land stretches west toward the mountains. Didn't I want to take a photograph so that I could show my family back home the beauty of this country?

Then we will die, she said evenly, her gaze focused up the hill to the sad obligation for which we had already made her late.

Thank you for your time, I said. Good; she took her leave by the appropriate local custom, bowing slightly from the waist.

Mr. Dorris, an anthropologist and writer, contributed this comment to the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Rights of Serbs

Regarding "Europe Can't Afford to Appear Serbia" (Opinion, Aug. 3) by William Pfaff:

Greater Serbia will be no "greater" than France, Japan, Spain, Iran and several other nation-states where nearly all the members of an ethnic group live within the same borders.

The sovereign international frontiers of the old Yugoslavia having been discarded in cavalier fashion by Europe, the Serbs are being told that the former internal boundaries of Yugoslavia are carved in granite.

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Root Out the Khmer Rouge

Regarding "U.S. and Asian States Would Back Curbs on Khmer Rouge" (July 27) by Michael Richardson:

The Khmer Rouge refuse to disarm, they break the Paris peace agreement and endanger the process of free elections in Cambodia.

Whenever young gymnasts or teenage tennis players or ballerinas achieve fame, there is an uproar.

Unfortunately for Cambodia, military action against the Khmer Rouge is unavoidable.

VAUNNA OM STRINKO, Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

No Papers Needed

Regarding "Should ID's be Required? Dutch Argue" (July 18):

This article would lead one to believe that, in those European countries that issue them, a national identity card is mandatory.

EUGENE SAKS, Brévauxville, France.

Too Much, Too Soon? No

Whenever young gymnasts or teenage tennis players or ballerinas achieve fame, there is an uproar.

derson calls women's gymnastics "a subtle form of child abuse" that "robs a miniature ballerina of her childhood."

The answer to Mr. Anderson's headline question is an emphatic "No," as I can attest as a former dancer who trained and danced professionally.

I always felt happy and privileged, even with blisters and sore muscles, to have a dream to work toward, even knowing that the chances of achieving that dream were slim.

The decision for a professional life in sports or dancing is a serious one that must be made at an early age, because the discipline and training are so long and demanding.

ELLEN SHIRE, Amsterdam.

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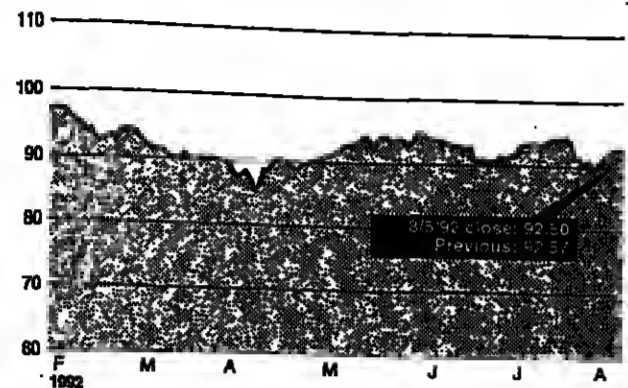
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### THE TRIB INDEX: 92.50

International Herald Tribune World Stock Index of 230 internationally investible stocks from 20 countries, compiled by Bloomberg Business News, Jan. 1, 1992 = 100.



The index tracks U.S. dollar values of stocks in: Tokyo, New York, London, and Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. In the case of Tokyo, New York and London, the index is composed of the 20 top issues in terms of market capitalization. In the remaining 17 countries, the ten top stocks are tracked.

Asia/Pacific		Europe		N. America			
Close:	75.14 Prev: 74.93	Close: 100.38 Prev: 100.70	Close: 100.04 Prev: 100.59				
Energy	88.48	88.15	+0.38	Capital Goods	98.28	98.82	-0.55
Utilities	74.51	73.63	+0.88	Raw Materials	103.26	103.28	-0.02
Finance	99.44	99.89	-0.45	Consumer Goods	99.01	99.26	-0.24
Services				Miscellaneous	105.06	106.34	-1.28

### INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

#### Link to American Sect Sours Atmosphere at Lindt

By Mitya New  
Reuters

ZURICH — The Swiss chocolate maker Lindt & Sprüngli AG grew from a one-room family business, and now a series of events involving the family life of the company's chairman has led to Wednesday's resignation of the chief executive, Ulrich Geismann.

Mr. Geismann quit two days after Randolph Springli, 72, fifth-generation owner of the company, announced that he had married Alexandra Gantenbein, a woman 28 years his junior and an occasional member of the United States-based "I Am" movement. Press reports said Ms. Gantenbein was responsible for a string of surprise staff appointments by Mr. Springli.

The theological "I Am" movement, founded by an American engineer in the 1930s, promotes the self-realization of individual potential. Ms. Gantenbein reportedly had offered to pray for those in need of help in return for financial contributions.

Mr. Springli originally announced his wedding earlier this year but then canceled it at short notice in May after the news led to an outcry.

Lindt & Sprüngli shares slipped 100 Swiss francs (\$75.66) in Zurich, to a 1992 low of 10,900 francs.

The company, which grew from a sweetshop in Zurich that the Springli family bought in 1836, said Mr. Geismann, who had been vice chairman of the board and chief executive officer since 1991, departed by mutual agreement.

A Lindt & Sprüngli spokesman said Ms. Gantenbein had never held any official capacity in the company and was only Mr. Springli's personal adviser. An independent accountants' report, commissioned by the board to investigate whether the firm had been infiltrated by the "I Am" movement, gave the company a clean bill of health, but said Ms. Gantenbein had gained influence in the appointment of top managers.

The Springli family holds a comfortable majority of Lindt & Sprüngli shares. In Kilchberg, Switzerland, the company said consolidated earnings in the seven months through July were substantially better than in the same period a year earlier, without giving figures. AFP-Extel News reported.

#### CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Aug. 5

Cross Rates			Eurocurrency Deposits		
Currency	Aug. 5	Aug. 4	Currency	Rate	Rate
American \$	1.66	1.67	3-month	7 1/8%	7 1/8%
British £	1.78	1.78	6-month	7 3/4%	7 3/4%
French F	166.48	166.48	1-year	7 1/2%	7 1/2%
German M	1.57	1.57	3-month	5 1/8%	5 1/8%
Japanese ¥	148.00	148.00	6-month	5 3/4%	5 3/4%
Swiss S	1.53	1.53	1-year	5 1/2%	5 1/2%

### Ruling Could Free Milken in 7 Months

By Ronald Sullivan  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A U.S. judge reduced Michael R. Milken's prison sentence by one-third on Wednesday, making the former junk-bond financier eligible for parole in seven months.

The reduction was regarded as a major victory for Mr. Milken, who had argued that the 10-year sentence he received in 1990 for securities fraud was unduly harsh. Moreover, he cited his subsequent cooperation with Federal prosecutors and his educational efforts in behalf of fellow inmates as other reasons for leniency.

Mr. Milken, who presided over America's biggest junk-bond empire, pleaded guilty in 1990 to six counts of securities fraud in what prosecutors described as his biggest victory arising from the Wall Street fraud and insider-trading scandals of the 1980s. He entered a Federal prison in California 17 months ago and had been eligible for parole in March 1994, which would have meant a three-year prison stay.

Judge Kimba M. Wood, who originally sentenced Mr. Milken, reduced his required stay to two years on Wednesday, making him eligible for release on March 1, 1993.

The move was viewed as vindicating prosecutors, who advised Judge Wood that Mr. Milken had "substantially aided the government in the prosecution of Alan E. Rosenblum," a former Milken protégé at Drexel who was convicted of one count of fraud in June.

But the ruling was considered a disappointment for the Securities and Exchange Commission, which contended that Mr. Milken had not providing much useful information in the Rosenblum case.

However, Judge Wood concluded that Mr. Milken had helped both the SEC and the U.S. Attorney and thus should be rewarded.

Once released, Mr. Milken will still be required to fulfill three years of full-time community service. But he will be free to rejoin his wife and three children, some of whom are ailing.

### Now Fujitsu Is Stumbling

By Steven Brill  
International Herald Tribune

TOKYO — Fujitsu Ltd., Japan's biggest computer maker, said Wednesday it expected to post an unprecedented group loss for the first half of this year, the latest sign of how the recession and technological change are throwing a pillar of Japan Inc. off balance.

Although Fujitsu is not the only high-technology company in Japan to be struggling — Sony Corp. had a loss last year and NEC Corp.'s earnings plunged — analysts said Fujitsu's position was more vulnerable because it was the most exposed to depressed markets for semiconductors and mainframe computers. The company, they added, had been slow to rationalize and restructure its operations to cope with a new generation of technology being driven by entrepreneurial American concerns.

"All the high-tech companies have yet to come to grips with the changes in technology and the slowdown in the domestic economy, which is still the primary source of their demand," said Peter Wolff, vice president of Kidder, Peabody in Tokyo.

A Fujitsu spokesman said the company expected to post a consolidated net loss of about 10 billion yen (\$79 million) in the six months to Sept. 30, the first shortfall since being listed in 1989. The company has not changed its forecast of a group net profit of 40 billion yen for the full year through March 1993, he said, noting that sales tend to rise by about 10 percent in the second half.

Analysts were less optimistic, saying profit could be half as much. A year ago, the company had group net profit of 10.3 billion yen in the first half and 12.2 billion for the full year.

The spokesman attributed the expected first-half loss to the downturn in the semiconductor market, a slump that is coinciding with heavy investments in new memory chip factories in Durham, England, and Gresham, Oregon. Nearly half of Fujitsu's capital investment was earmarked for microchips, he said, adding that last year's total spending of 357 billion yen would fall to below 300 billion this year.

The loss came as little surprise to analysts, who have been revising downward their projections for most Japanese electronics companies, but it pushed Fujitsu's share price down 13 yen, to 575 yen. In contrast, the Tokyo stock market's main Nikkei average rose 291.05 points, to 15,983.64.

Although losses in the semiconductor field were significant, analysts said Fujitsu's larger problem is with computers. Slightly more than half the company's group sales are in mainframe-related equipment, where prices have plunged 40 percent to 50 percent over the last 18 months. Mainframes, the giant mainframe-coupled used

### Fed Turns Gloomy on Economy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve issued a generally downbeat assessment Wednesday of business conditions around the United States, saying that economic activity had been uneven in recent weeks with little strength anywhere.

The Fed report found that conditions were exceptionally spotty in manufacturing and retail sales, with some parts of the country reporting strength but many others complaining of poor performance.

While the central bank has engineered interest-rate cuts that have pushed mortgage rates to their lowest point in nearly two decades, the Fed report said the latest reductions had had little impact so far on home sales, although they had spurred another round of mortgage refinancings.

The Fed report was compiled from information gathered by its 12 regional banks based on interviews conducted before July 28. It portrayed a decidedly more pessimistic view than the last survey, on June 17. That report had proclaimed that economic activity was continuing to improve throughout the nation.

Mesiville, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, told a Senate Banking Committee panel that the U.S. recovery was weaker than the Fed found desirable. "The economy is surely not moving in a way we consider adequate, but it is moving forward," he said.

The Fed report, called the Tan Book for the color of its cover, will be used by the central bank's top policy-makers when they next meet on Aug. 18 to review their interest-rate policies.

Many economists believe that the central bank could be preparing to cut interest rates further if growing signs of weakness persist.

Since the last Tan Book, the U.S. jobless rate has jumped to an eight-year high of 7.3 percent and many economists have become concerned that the fledgling recovery could be threatening to slip into another stall.

The report also cited a wide variation in consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity and is thus crucial to any sustained economic pickup.

New York and Kansas City reported strong clothing sales but Minneapolis and Atlanta complained of depressed sales of big-ticket appliances. Automobile sales were weak in most districts, with the exception of Atlanta and

### Indian Costs Rise at Standard Chartered

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON — Standard Chartered Bank PLC acknowledged Wednesday the possibility of even bigger losses in India's stock market scandal by doubling its provisions for the affair, a move that led to a 24 percent drop in first-half pretax profit.

The drop in profit, to £53.6 million (£122.3 million) from £83.2 million in the first half of 1991, surprised analysts, who had been forecasting a profit of between £75 million and £100 million.

The bank's share price tumbled 20 pence, or 4.5 percent, to 420 on the London Stock Exchange.

Standard Chartered said it set aside a general provision of £50 million for its exposure to the Indian scandal, in addition to a previously announced provision of £50 million for specific losses.

The combined amount helped boost the bank's overall provision for bad and doubtful debts to £118 million in the half, up from £105 million a year earlier.

"Right until the end of June, Standard was assuring us that the £50 million specific provision would be enough," said Nick Gough, bank analyst at County NatWest. "We're not sure how big that could get."

The bank said that since the securities scandal broke in May, India's stock markets had lost over 40 percent in value and there was uncertainty about the underlying value of some securities and investments.

"Unraveling this whole matter will be very complicated and because of the continuing uncertainty we have added £50 million to our general provision," said Chairman Rodney Galpin.

Standard Chartered has filed a suit with Indian authorities to recover £162 million it claimed to have been defrauded of in the scandal, in which funds were diverted from the government securities market for speculation on the booming Bombay stock market. The bank said Wednesday that the case was being pursued with the support of the Reserve Bank of India, the central bank, and India's Central Bureau of Investigation.

Standard Chartered also is seeking to recover £55 million from various banks, including Citibank.

The Reserve Bank has said it will audit the securities dealings of Standard Chartered, Citibank, ANZ Grindlays and Bank of America.

Standard Chartered has said no criminal proceeding would be bought against it, but its chief executive in India, Pervesh Nat, resigned last month, saying he had a "moral responsibility" for the bank's involvement in the scandal.

The bank said its first-half results represented an underlying improvement in business in the Asia-Pacific region. But it said it was hurt by a weaker dollar and poor operating conditions in India, where it had an operating loss of £18 million.

"We intend to develop our retail business further in the Asia-Pacific region and in some other carefully selected markets," the bank said, adding that it intends to expand its priority banking and offshore banking services.

The bank left its interim dividend unchanged at 7 pence a share, as expected.

(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

### Weak Sales Foreseen At IBM

Reuters

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(Reuters, Bloomberg)

### BP Pressed to Account for Its Woes

By Erik Ipsen  
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — For British Petroleum Co., the ousting six weeks ago of its chairman and chief executive, Robert B. Horton, was only a first step. Oil analysts expect the company to discard Mr. Horton's expansionist legacy on Thursday at a cost of its first dividend cut in decades, or perhaps write-offs that could total as much as £1 billion (\$1.9 billion).

Analysts said Mr. Horton's successor, David A. Simon, is under great pressure to use Thursday's first-half report to boldly define a new future for the company.

"If his statement does not nail the lid firmly shut on the past while spelling out a new direction, then the company's people will buy British Gas or Shell instead," said Jürgen Langhoff of Credit Lyonnais in Liège.

The expectations are all a measure of how low BP has sunk, and how desperate for cash it is. With a debt-to-capital ratio of 80 percent, versus 7 percent for Royal Dutch/Shell, which also reports its second-quarter figures Thursday, BP has been hit hard by the sluggishness in oil prices in recent years and the prospect of more to come.

Predictions of the company's response range from a sharp cut in the dividend, to a breakup like the recent example of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC, to a merger of the whole lot with Chevron, to write-offs totaling £1 billion.

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MARKET DIARY

French Poll Sends Pound to New Low

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — The pound slid Wednesday to its lowest level since Britain joined the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism in October 1990.

The British currency, under heavy pressure, finished at 2.8259 Deutsche marks, down from 2.8355 DM on Tuesday, after the publication of a poll on how the French intend to vote in the Sept. 20 referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

Against the Portuguese escudo, the strongest currency in the ERM, the pound again broke through the 241.545 floor of its permitted trading band several times during the day, ending at around 241.260 escudos. Dealers said the drop triggered rounds of intervention by the Portuguese central bank and the Bank of England to support the pound.

The British currency also slid against the dollar, to \$1.9160 from \$1.9255. Traders first welcomed the results of the BVA-Paris Match poll, which showed 56 percent of those surveyed were in favor of the treaty and 44 percent were opposed. But later, sentiment changed as traders said the poll was taken from a sample that was too small and not representative.

FED: Study Finds Gaps in Economy

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Dallas, where good gains were reported. Even more troubling, Cleveland, Kansas City, Dallas and Richmond, Virginia, said lower interest rates were failing to spur increased home buying, with real estate agents in some parts of the country complaining that worries about jobs were holding down sales.

In one bright note, the Fed said conditions on the farm had improved slightly. The Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas districts all said that recent rains had brought relief to drought-stressed crops.

However, even here conditions were mixed. The Chicago district said that much crop had been hurt by too much rain and Minneapolis and Kansas City reported that hail and unseasonably cool weather had harmed some crops.

In his testimony before the Senate Banking panel, Mr. Greenspan said the large U.S. budget deficits were keeping long-term interest rates high despite the prevailing view that inflation was well contained.

"There is a general recognition that inflation in the short run is contained," he said. This view, however, has not

Recent appeals by leading industrialists for a devaluation of the pound also continued to affect the currency, analysts said.

"The clamor in the press from various industrial leaders does not mean the authorities will devalue, but it does develop awareness that it could happen," said Paul Lambert, an analyst at UBS/Phillips & Drew. The government, he said, was "in a corner."

Julian Callow, an analyst at Chase Manhattan Bank, said the possibility of an increase in British interest rates could not be ruled out if French polls show growing opposition to the treaty.

The dollar, meanwhile, strengthened as investors bought back oversold positions. Activity was light ahead of Thursday's Bundesbank central council meeting and Friday's report on U.S. employment.

At the close in New York, the dollar was trading at 1.4815 DM, up from 1.4772 late Tuesday, and at 127.57 yen, up from 127.25.

It rose to 1.3295 Swiss francs from 1.3240 and to 5.0055 French francs from 4.9905. The pound slid to \$1.9170 from \$1.9190.

In London earlier, the U.S. currency was trading at 1.4765 DM, up slightly from 1.4745 late Tuesday, and at 127.34 yen, up from 127.15. (A.F.X. Reuters, Bloomberg)

brought down long-term interest rates as participants in the bond market still view the federal budget deficits as too high and a threat to increase inflation six to 10 years down the road, he said.

The Treasury said it would sell \$36 billion in notes and bonds during next week's quarterly refunding. Outstanding bonds, which were up as much as 3/8 point on hopes of a reduced auction, retreated on the news and closed unchanged.

The weak Federal Reserve report depressed stock prices. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 18.91 points at 3,365.41, according to an early tally.

IBM accounted for about one-fourth of the index's decline, falling 2 1/2 to 91 1/2 after the company gave a 3% revenue projection and an analyst at Smith Barney, Harris Upham cut his rating to "hold" from "buy."

Also leading the slump in the Dow industrials were Texaco and General Motors. GM fell 1 1/4 to 39 1/2 after PaineWebber turned "neutral" on the stock. Texaco fell 1 1/4 to 63 1/2.

Decliners outnumbered advancers by a 3-to-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was light, with about 175 million shares changing hands, up from 167 million Tuesday. (A.F. Bloomberg)

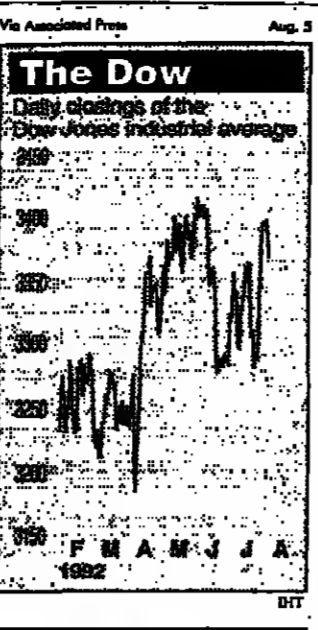


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Clorox to Take \$32 Million Charge
OAKLAND, California (Bloomberg) — Clorox Co. stock fell about 6.5 percent Wednesday after the household-products company said it would take a pretax charge of about \$32 million in the fourth quarter on write-downs of assets related to its bottled-water, Kingsford and food-service businesses.

U.S. Business Failures Near Record
NEW YORK (AP) — Business failures increased nearly 17 percent in the first half of 1992 and are likely to shatter the record set in 1991, Dun & Bradstreet Corp. said Wednesday.

Illinois Power Drops on Rate Cut
CHICAGO (Reuters) — Illinois Power Co. stock fell sharply in anticipation of a formal Illinois Commerce Commission ruling that would reduce rates and could result in a \$200 million write-off by the company, analysts said.

GM Units Report Earnings Increase
DETROIT (Bloomberg) — General Motors Corp.'s three nonautomotive subsidiaries on Wednesday posted combined second-quarter profits of \$608.6 million before a previously announced \$749.4 million restructuring charge at GM Hughes Electronics Corp.

AT&T Claims Disk Breakthrough
NEW YORK (AP) — Bell Labs and Telesearchers have demonstrated a new technique that could multiply the storage capacity of computer memory disks 100 times, American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Wednesday.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table titled 'WORLD STOCK MARKETS' showing stock market performance across various international markets including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, and others.

Oil Prices Fall, Output Rises

NEW YORK — Oil prices fell again Wednesday, as new estimates showed that OPEC's production last month was well over its target.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude oil for September delivery fell 17 cents per barrel, to \$21.88.

The International Energy Agency said five members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries had raised production last month, pushing the cartel more than half a million barrels over its 23.4 million barrel-a-day output ceiling.

Some analysts predicted that demand would increase as winter approached, while others warned that supplies could grow more if refiners continued to reduce their purchases by closing plants for maintenance. (Bloomberg, AP)

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EUROPE

Nederlandsen Sues Over Merger Advice

AMSTERDAM — International Nederlanden Groep NV said Wednesday that its insurance subsidiary was suing Swiss Bank Corp., Ernst & Young and a British actuary firm for about \$480 million for alleged negligence in advising on its 1990 acquisition of Victory Reassurance Co. of Britain.

Deutsche Bank Profit Dips 3.2%

FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's largest commercial bank, said Wednesday that economic weakness abroad and at home had depressed profit in the first half of 1992. Reporting results that were clearly worse than those of its major competitors, it said first-half group operating profit fell by 3.2 percent, to 3.06 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.07 billion).

WPP Wins Backing for Debt Plan

LONDON — WPP Group PLC won a new lease on life Wednesday as shareholders approved a \$1 billion restructuring of its debt. Ordinary and preference shareholders voted overwhelmingly at an extraordinary meeting to issue new shares to WPP's banks and to convert preference shares into ordinary ones.

Investor's Europe

Table with columns: Exchange, Index, Wednesday Close, Previous Close, % Change. Includes DAX, FTSE 100, CAC 40, Amst. Stock Index, Frankfurt DAX, Frankfurt FAZ, Helsinki HEX, London Financial Times 50, London FTSE 100, Madrid General Index, Milan MIB, Paris CAC 40, Stockholm AFAA-svetsken, Vienna Stock Index, Zurich SBS.

Western German Joblessness Up for 5th Month

BONN — Germany reported a rise in July unemployment on Wednesday, confirming economists' expectations of weak growth and dampening hopes for a strong recovery later this year. The Federal Labor Office said seasonally adjusted unemployment rose in Western Germany for the fifth consecutive month to 1.82 million, or 6.7 percent of the work force, from 1.8 million in June.

The Nuremberg-based Labor Office does not provide adjusted figures for the east. But Mr. Mollmann said the government expected unemployment in the east to be lower at the end of the year than its previous forecast of up to 1.4 million.

Joblessness in Sweden

The number of people seeking work in Sweden hit a postwar high of 307,000 at the end of July, according to unofficial data released Wednesday by the Labor Market Board, Reuters reported. The total equivalent to 6.5 percent of the work force, an increase of 40,000 since the end of June and 152,000 since July 1991, said the board, which administers Swedish jobs programs.

KIO Spain Unit Seeks Relief

MADRID — Prima Inmobiliaria SA, one of the Kuwait Investment Office's troubled investments in Spain, is seeking a two-month moratorium on principal payments, banking sources said Wednesday. They said the company presented a plan to its bank creditors that would also call on the Kuwait parent to provide a \$35 million cash injection to enable it to meet interest payments.

BP: Pressure for a Costly Change

(Continued from first page) worth of the staff on the market. BP, for instance, is the world's biggest producer of animal feed. Although the division has a book value of £1 billion, some analysts estimate that it would only fetch half that today. At Shell, the contrast with BP could not be greater. The Anglo-Dutch oil company is still expected to show a drop in profit, but analysts forecast pretax profit in the second quarter will still be at least \$400 million.

Lufthansa Confirms Wider Loss in Half

FRANKFURT — Lufthansa AG's pretax loss widened to about 550 million Deutsche marks (\$372 million) in the first half of 1992 from 331 million DM a year earlier, a company spokesman said Wednesday, confirming market speculation. Lufthansa shares, which plunged 8.7 percent on Monday amid speculation of a large loss, rebounded 1.70 DM on Wednesday, to 105.70 DM. The state-controlled airline, which recently said it would cut 3,000 more jobs in 1992, is scheduled to release first-half results next week. Lufthansa reported a pretax loss of 386 million DM in the first quarter, down from 476 million DM a year earlier.

Very briefly:

- Peugeot Citroen SA said sales rose 2.9 percent in the first half, to 82.6 billion francs (\$16.8 billion), as an 11 percent rise in non-French sales more than offset a 7.5 percent drop in domestic sales.
Azel Springer Verlag AG, publisher of Bild, Germany's leading tabloid, offered to resell its 10 percent stake in Editoriale Poligrafica back to Montedison, the Italian publisher.
British Gas PLC's long-term debt rating was lowered to AA-plus from AAA by Standard & Poor's Corp., which cited growing regulatory pressures on the company's core gas business.
Smith & Nephew PLC said its profit rose 6 percent in the first half, to £66 million (\$125 million), buoyed by sales in its health-care business.
Hafnia Holding A/S said insurance premium income totalled 3.3 billion in the first half, up from a year earlier; it gave no direct comparison.
Two large shareholders of UNI Storaenrad A/S voted to fight a proposal for a new board of directors that includes only two new members, but a company spokesman said the proposal was likely to be accepted at Monday's board meeting.
Kremer Energy A/S of Norway said it had signed a letter of intent to acquire Tamurbaen Oy of Finland, unit of Tamella Power Inc. that produces turbines for hydroelectric power generation.
Nestle SA said it had bought the Slovak foods company Carpathia; terms were not disclosed, but a Slovak newspaper said Nestle paid 230 million koruny (\$8.2 million).
Energieversorgung Niederrhein, an Austrian utility, said it intended to buy a 50 percent stake in Robol-Anschulungs-GmbH, a German oil production company, from Mobil Oil Austria and Shell Austria.

Large table of financial data, fund listings, and market information. Includes columns for fund names, currencies, and values. Contains sections for 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS' and 'Other Funds'.

# NYSE

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Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
IBM	118 1/2	117 1/2	118	117 3/4	-1/4
Microsoft	68 1/2	67 1/2	68	67 1/2	-1/4
Apple	55 1/2	54 1/2	55	54 1/2	-1/4
Oracle	48 1/2	47 1/2	48	47 1/2	-1/4
Novell	45 1/2	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	-1/4
Lotus	42 1/2	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	-1/4
Intuit	38 1/2	37 1/2	38	37 1/2	-1/4
Visa	35 1/2	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	-1/4
MasterCard	32 1/2	31 1/2	32	31 1/2	-1/4
Amex	28 1/2	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	-1/4

Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
AT&T	52 1/2	51 1/2	52	51 1/2	-1/4
Verizon	48 1/2	47 1/2	48	47 1/2	-1/4
WorldCom	45 1/2	44 1/2	45	44 1/2	-1/4
Sprint	42 1/2	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	-1/4
Qwest	38 1/2	37 1/2	38	37 1/2	-1/4
Southwest	35 1/2	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	-1/4
Delta	32 1/2	31 1/2	32	31 1/2	-1/4
American	28 1/2	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	-1/4
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Northwest	22 1/2	21 1/2	22	21 1/2	-1/4

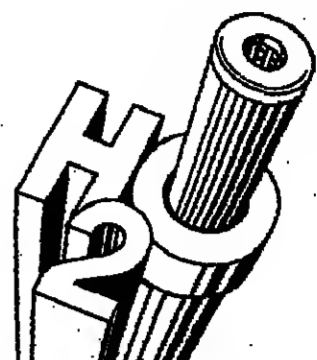
Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
Exxon	42 1/2	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	-1/4
Shell	38 1/2	37 1/2	38	37 1/2	-1/4
BP	35 1/2	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	-1/4
Amoco	32 1/2	31 1/2	32	31 1/2	-1/4
Conoco	28 1/2	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	-1/4
Phillips	25 1/2	24 1/2	25	24 1/2	-1/4
Marathon	22 1/2	21 1/2	22	21 1/2	-1/4
Valero	18 1/2	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	-1/4
Energy East	15 1/2	14 1/2	15	14 1/2	-1/4
Energy East	12 1/2	11 1/2	12	11 1/2	-1/4

Stock	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
Boeing	112 1/2	111 1/2	112	111 1/2	-1/4
Lockheed	108 1/2	107 1/2	108	107 1/2	-1/4
Northrop	104 1/2	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	-1/4
Raytheon	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	-1/4
General Dynamics	96 1/2	95 1/2	96	95 1/2	-1/4
Grumman	92 1/2	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	-1/4
Boeing	88 1/2	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	-1/4
Lockheed	84 1/2	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	-1/4
Northrop	80 1/2	79 1/2	80	79 1/2	-1/4
Raytheon	76 1/2	75 1/2	76	75 1/2	-1/4

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Alcoa	42 1/2	41 1/2	42	41 1/2	-1/4
Alumina	38 1/2	37 1/2	38	37 1/2	-1/4
Aluminum	35 1/2	34 1/2	35	34 1/2	-1/4
Aluminum	32 1/2	31 1/2	32	31 1/2	-1/4
Aluminum	28 1/2	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	-1/4
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Conover	Conover
HomeNet	HomeNet
Publix	Publix
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# Japan's Trade Surplus Soars

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TOKYO — Japan's politically sensitive current-account surplus reached a record \$56.2 billion in the first half of the year, almost double the surplus for the same 1991 period, the Ministry of Finance said Wednesday.

The figure was the highest ever recorded by the ministry and puts Japan well on the road to a record \$100 billion current-account surplus for the year, the ministry said. In June, Japan's current-account surplus rose 44 percent from June 1991, to \$9.36 billion on a nonseasonally adjusted basis. It was the 15th straight month of growth.

Japanese manufacturers are making up for slumping sales and profits at home by exporting more and bringing home earnings from overseas plants to boost up their domestic bottom lines, said economists.

"Japan's trade surplus is simply a fact of life," said Shiharu Shima, economist at UBS/Phillips & Drew International Ltd. "The best hope for a lower surplus would be a

healthier domestic economy, and that won't happen anytime soon."

In the first half of the year, exports rose 8.3 percent to \$159.13 billion and imports decreased 6.5 percent to \$96.25 billion, the ministry said.

Exporting its way out of an economic slowdown is not likely to

win Japan any friends. The United States and the European Community are pressuring Tokyo to keep its trade surplus in check.

The merchandise trade numbers show that much of the export growth was channeled into parts of Asia least likely to protest, said Satoshi Shimamoto, an economist at MMS International. Exports to Asia grew by 7.9 percent year-on-year in the first half, followed by those to Europe at 5.7 percent and to the United States at 5.3 percent.

The slow Japanese economy has dampened demand for imported goods both from manufacturers and consumers. Adding to the surpluses was a rise in the yen over the dollar in the period, said economists.

There are no signs of a recovery on the horizon. The stock market has dropped 30 percent this year and corporate confidence is at its lowest level in five years, according to a recent Bank of Japan survey of business executives.

## Tokyo Defends Chip Intake

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TOKYO — Japanese officials defended themselves Wednesday against U.S. charges that they were not fulfilling a pledge to buy more foreign semiconductor chips, saying they were doing their best given the flagging economy.

Economists said Japan had little hope of realizing the 3.5 percent economic growth target set by government leaders for the year through March 1993, even with the help of a supplementary budget as high as \$56 billion expected to be drafted this fall.

## Taiwan Eases Credit As Inflation Drops

**Reuters**  
TAIPEI — A sharp fall in inflation prompted Taiwan's central bank to ease monetary policy on Wednesday, pushing the Taiwan dollar lower and driving stocks higher.

The government said consumer-price inflation was 3.68 percent in the year to July 9, the lowest rate since last October. Inflation was 5.17 percent in the year ended in June.

The central bank responded by injecting 5.8 billion Taiwan dollars (\$235 million) into the money market through the purchase of Treasury bills, its first such injection this year.

State radio quoted Governor Samuel Shieh as saying the central bank had shifted its policy from controlling inflation to stimulating investment. The central bank will loosen liquidity and keep short-term interest rates around 7 percent, Mr. Shieh said. The overnight rate was 7.351 percent Wednesday.

## Rising Imports Hit Surplus

**Reuters**  
TAIPEI — The Taiwan dollar's strength and imports for infrastructure projects slashed the island's trade surplus by 87 percent in July from July 1991, to \$2.10 billion, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

The surplus was down 61 percent from June and was the lowest since February 1991. In the first seven months of this year, the surplus has fallen 21 percent from a year earlier, to \$5.47 billion. Exports dropped 2.7 percent in July from a year earlier, to \$6.89 billion, while imports surged 22.1 percent to a record \$6.68 billion.

## Bankruptcy Rate Up In China

**Complied by Our Staff From Dispatches**  
BEIJING — China allowed 66 enterprises to go bankrupt in the first half of this year in a drive to cut industrial losses and increase efficiency, the Xinhua news agency reported Wednesday.

Fifteen of the 66 companies were state-owned and the others were socialist-style collectives. Although two-thirds of all state enterprises are in financial difficulty, the government has been reluctant to allow bankruptcies for fear of layoffs and political unrest.

The figure is far higher than previously admitted and serves as a warning to state factories that efficiency is now prized over ideology in the drive to reform the economy. A job for life — the so-called iron rice bowl of the socialist economy — has been a sacred principle for four decades.

## Toyota and Nissan Deny Parts Plan

**Reuters**  
TOKYO — Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. on Wednesday denied reports that they had reached a broad agreement to cooperate in procuring auto parts.

## FUJITSU: Another Pillar Teeters

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to process data for big corporations and governments, are rapidly being outflanked by smaller machines. Prices have plummeted as International Business Machines Corp. struggles to maintain market share and as profit-minded manufacturers and financial institutions in Japan cut back on information-technology investments.

## China Resources Explores Bank Purchase With Lippo

**Reuters**  
HONG KONG — Lippo Ltd. said Wednesday it had held preliminary talks with China Resources (Holdings) Co. on the possible joint acquisition of a financial institution in Hong Kong.

The announcement followed newspaper reports quoting a director of China Resources, the Chinese state-owned trading and investment company, that a joint takeover of Overseas Trust Bank Ltd. was under discussion.

## COMPANY RESULTS

Revenue and profits or losses, in millions, are in local currencies unless otherwise indicated.	1st Half	1992	1991
<b>Belgium</b>			
Solvay	1992	1991	
Revenue	1,748	1,730	
Profit	138	122	
Per Share	6.04	6.04	
<b>Britain</b>			
ICI	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,680	2,676	
Profit	280	276	
Per Share	6.16	6.29	
Northern Telecom	1992	1991	
Revenue	1,125	1,125	
Profit	135	135	
Per Share	5.65	5.65	
Lloyds Bank	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Midland Bank	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Canada</b>			
Canadian Pacific	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>France</b>			
Boff	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Germany</b>			
Bayerhypo	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Commerzbank	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Deutsche Bank	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Schering	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Netherlands</b>			
Akzo	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Norway</b>			
Statkraft	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Spain</b>			
Endesa	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>Turkey</b>			
KOC Holdings	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
<b>United States</b>			
Bear Stearns Cos	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Household Int'l	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Lincoln National	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	
Welltower	1992	1991	
Revenue	2,675	2,675	
Profit	267	267	
Per Share	3.59	3.59	

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12 mos	Stock	Div	Yield	PE	High	Low	Open	Close
	IBM	4.00	4.0	15.9	120 1/4	119 3/4	119 3/4	120 1/4
	Microsoft	5.00	4.6	24.7	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
	Apple	4.00	5.5	17.4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4	86 3/4
	Oracle	1.00	2.9	34.5	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4
	Novell	1.00	3.0	33.3	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4	33 1/4

12 mos	Stock	Div	Yield	PE	High	Low	Open	Close
	Merck	2.00	2.6	23.7	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
	Pfizer	1.00	2.2	22.7	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
	Eli Lilly	1.00	2.8	21.4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4
	Amgen	1.00	3.0	20.0	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4

12 mos	Stock	Div	Yield	PE	High	Low	Open	Close
	Merck	2.00	2.6	23.7	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4	46 1/4
	Pfizer	1.00	2.2	22.7	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4
	Eli Lilly	1.00	2.8	21.4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4
	Amgen	1.00	3.0	20.0	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4



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## SIDELINES

### Teagle Leaves NBA for Benetton

TREVISO, Italy (AP) — Benetton Treviso, the Italian basketball league champion, has signed the American forward Terry Teagle for the coming season.

Club officials said Wednesday that Teagle, 32, a National Basketball Association veteran with the Houston Rockets, Detroit Pistons, Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Lakers, would replace Jimmy Del Negro, who will join the NBA's San Antonio Spurs after two seasons with Benetton. Teagle signed a one-year contract, reportedly worth \$800,000 with Benetton, where he will team with the Croatian star Toni Kukoc.

### Lineker Transfer to Japan Delayed

LONDON (AP) — The transfer of the former England striker Gary Lineker to the Japanese soccer club Grampus Eight has been put off until March.

Lineker, 31, who played in Grampus Eight's exhibition against a Brazilian team on Saturday, said Wednesday that the start of the Japanese season had been delayed.

### Fraud Case 'No Threat,' Rockies Say

NEW YORK (NYT) — The Colorado Rockies said that the withdrawal of Michael I. Monus and his father, Nathan, as owners of the new major-league baseball franchise in Denver would not affect the club's plans to begin playing next year.

Michael Monus withdrew as an owner Monday after charges that he had another senior executive had embezzled funds and falsified profits at Pharm-Mor Inc., a drugstore chain based in Youngstown, Ohio, that he helped found. He and his father and three other general partners had put up \$26 million of the Rockies' \$95 million franchise fee. Much of the rest came from eight limited partners.

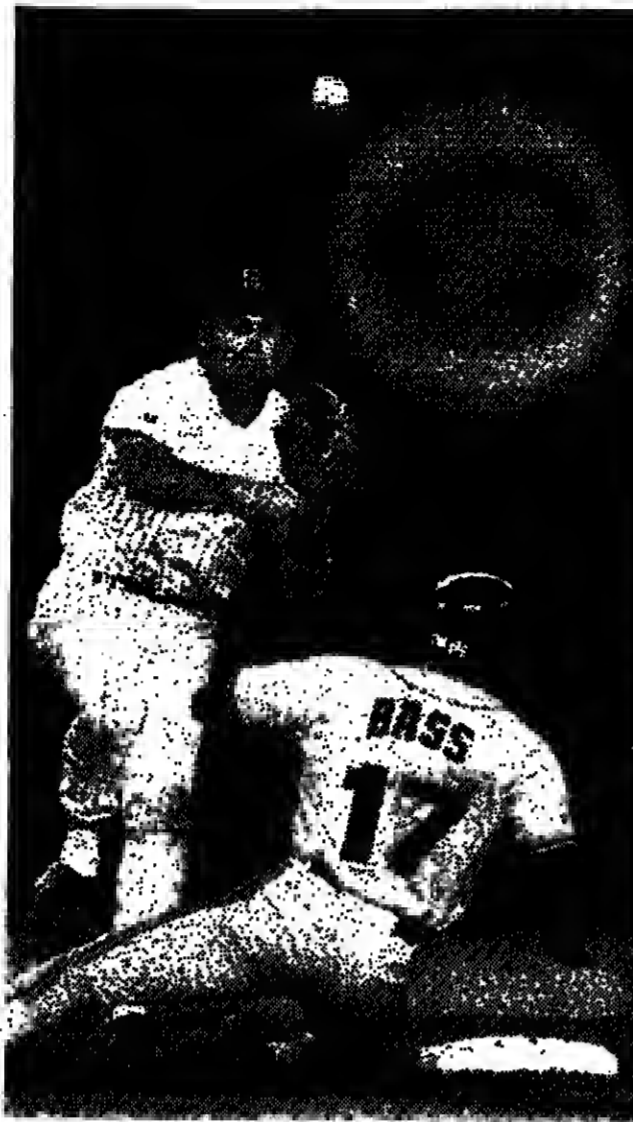
"It just happens that one of our former partners is in a jam," said Michael Swanson, a Rockies spokesman. "But it is no threat to the organization."

### For the Record

CNN, the international cable news network, is to broadcast a weekly program previewing National Football League games on Sundays beginning Aug. 16.

Olympique Marseille, the French soccer champion, has signed the Spanish international midfielder Rafael Marin Vazquez, 26, from Torino for \$3 billion lire (\$4 million), club officials said Wednesday.

The International Boxing Federation on Tuesday ordered its middleweight champion, Gianfranco Rosi of Italy, to give Gilbert Delis Jr. of France a rematch of their title fight within 90 days. Rosi won a controversial split decision over Delis on July 11 in Monaco.



San Diego's Kurt Stillwell turning the double play as Kevin Bass of the Giants slides late into second base. San Francisco won, 7-1.

## Pendleton Misses His Walk to Lift Braves

The Associated Press

Terry Pendleton didn't expect to bat in the bottom of the ninth inning. What he expected was an intentional walk.

Pendleton hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth to give the Atlanta Braves a 7-5 victory over the visiting Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night and a 1½-game lead in the National League West.

Otis Nixon walked with two outs in the ninth off the Reds' relief ace Norm Charlton and stole second. Everyone in the park, including Pendleton, then expected manager Lou Piniella to call for an intentional walk. After all, Ron Gant, the on-deck batter, was hitting only .162 over his previous 12 games.

"To a certain extent I was surprised," said Pendleton, who is hitting .390 over the last nine games. "I personally wouldn't have wanted to pitch to me."

Pendleton hit a home run deep over the left-field fence, his 15th. Atlanta tied it at 5-5 in the eighth, scoring three runs off Charlton, keyed by third baseman Chris Sabo's throwing error and capped by Greg Olson's sacrifice fly.

Pirates 3, Mets 2: In Pittsburgh, Alex Cole grounded a single through a drawn-in infield with one out in the 12th to lift Pittsburgh over New York and extend its winning streak to five games.

The Pirates now lead second-place Montreal by 2½ games.

Cubs 8, Expos 6: Mark Grace hit a two-run single to snap an eight-inning tie as Chicago triumphed in Montreal.

Grace, who doubled home a run earlier in the game, hit a 3-2 pitch

from Bill Sampen with two outs and runners on second and third to break a 6-6 tie.

Cardinals 9, Phillies 5: Andres Galarraga hit a two-run, tie-breaking double and Bernard Gilkey had a three-run homer in a six-run eighth to lead St. Louis past visiting Philadelphia.

The Phillies led 4-1 after Wes Chamberlain's three-run homer in

the sixth, but could not hold it. Giants 7, Padres 1: In San Diego, San Francisco's John Burkett gave up the longest home run in the National League this season, a 468-foot shot by Gary Sheffield, but otherwise shut down the Padres. Sheffield connected for his 20th

homer of the season in the first inning when he sent the first pitch six rows deep into the second deck in left-center field with two outs. Dodgers 7, Astros 2: Ramon Martinez won consecutive starts for the first time all season, and doubles by Henry Rodriguez and Jose Offerman keyed a five-run second inning that carried Los Angeles past visiting Houston.

## A's Carve Out a Piece of the Lead

The Associated Press

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Sutcliffe, 0-5 with a 6.75 ERA in six starts since his last victory on June 30, allowed three runs and six hits in 7½ innings.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 4: Wade Boggs, Tom Brunansky and Mo Vaughn homered as Boston used a rare power surge to beat Toronto for the second consecutive night at Fenway Park, cutting the Blue Jays' AL East lead over Baltimore to 2½ games.

Yankees 4, Indians 3: Roberto Kelly hit a two-run homer and Curt Young again pitched well as the host Yankees stopped a four-game losing streak.

Brewers 5, Mariners 2: Chris Bosio allowed one run and five hits in seven innings for his third straight victory as host Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak.

Angels 5, Royals 1: Royals 4, Angels 1: David Howard hit a three-run inside-the-park homer and the Royals broke a nine-game losing streak against California by winning the nightcap in Kansas City.

Howard put the game away with his two-out homer in the seventh, a ball that left fielder Chad Curtis appeared to lose in the lights. In the first game, Gary DiSarcina had three hits and a career-best four RBIs.

Line scores for Tuesday's baseball games appear on Page 16.

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# SPORTS OLYMPICS



Ann Williams of Britain went down amid a forest of legs in a 1,500-meter heat and caused Maria Akraika of Sweden, center, and Fabia Trabaldo of Italy to also fall. Williams was disqualified after a protest by Trabaldo and Akraika.

## Watts and Marsh Set Olympic Marks at 400 and 200 Meters

**BARCELONA** — Quincy Watts set his second Olympic record Wednesday in three nights while winning the men's 400 meters in 43.50 seconds, the second-fastest time in history.

In the semifinals of the men's 200, Watts's U.S. teammate, Mike Marsh set an Olympic record of 19.73 seconds, coming within one-hundredth of a second of the world record — even though he eased up in the final 10 meters.

Kenya's Williams Tani and Nixon Kiprotich went 1-2 in the men's 800, with Johnny Gray of the United States capturing the bronze medal.

Marie-José Pérec of France won the women's 400.

Sally Gunnell of Britain won the women's 400-meter hurdles. Sandra Farmer-Patrick won the silver

and her U.S. teammate, Jancene Vickers, took the bronze in a photo finish.

Discus thrower Romas Ubartas, who won a silver medal for the Soviet Union four years ago at the Seoul Olympics, won a gold medal for Lithuania — its first of these Games.

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But world champion Samuel Matete of Zambia was knocked out

at 200 meters only once in the past two years, finished sixth in his semifinal and failed to reach the final. He later said he was weak from a recent illness.

Johnson has flirted with the world record in the 200 for the last two years, but he seemed to run out of steam in the final 50 meters.

"In the back of my mind, I was very afraid the sickness had taken some of my strength," he said. "In the home stretch, I just didn't feel like Michael Johnson. It just wasn't there."

Watts took charge of the men's 400-meter race off the final turn and defeated defending Olympic champion Steve Lewis of the United States by about four meters.

Lewis took the silver medal in 44.21 seconds and Samson Kitur of Kenya won bronze in 44.24.

Watts, 22, had set an Olympic record of 43.71 seconds in winning his semifinal heat on Monday. The only faster time in the 400 is 43.29 by Butch Reynolds in 1988.

Pérec held off defending Olympic champion Olga Bryzgina of the Unified Team to win the women's 400 meters in 48.83 seconds. Bryzgina took silver and Ximena Restrepo of Colombia, who attended the University of Nebraska, won bronze.

Tani, a clerk in the Kenyan air force, won the men's 800 in 1 minute, 43.66 seconds, four-hundredths of a second ahead of Kiprotich, a Kenyan soldier. Gray led until the final turn, but — gritting his teeth and stumbling slightly — he was passed by the two Kenyans with 100 meters left.

Uhartas won the men's discus gold with a toss of 65.12 meters (213 feet, 8 inches). Jurgen Schult

## Netherlands Upsets Italy in Volleyball

**BARCELONA** — The Netherlands shocked Italy, the world champion, on Wednesday in five sets to reach the Olympic men's volleyball semifinals.

There was no upset in the second quarterfinal. Cuba beat Spain, 16-14, 15-9, 15-6, and will contest one of Friday's semifinals against the Netherlands.

Brazil beat Japan, 15-12, 15-5, 15-12, and will meet the winner of the United States-United Team quarterfinal.

The Dutch defeated the Italians, 15-9, 12-15, 8-15, 15-2, 17-16, overcoming the loss of setter Peter Blange, who went out at the end of the second set with a left ankle injury.

"Italy was our target, we prepared especially for Italy," said Coach Arie Selinger.

The Dutch, who finished fifth at the 1988 Games in Seoul, eliminated the team that had dominated the game in the last four years and won the 1990 World Championship. Ronald Zwerver led the Dutch with 25 kills.

When Blange went out, his role was taken over by Selinger's son, Avital.

"I just wanted to hang in there and do the best I can," Avital Selinger said.

Italy was particularly outplayed in the fourth game, when it won only two points. The Italians recovered in the tiebreaker, saved three match points but finally fell to the big Dutch attack.

The Netherlands finished only fourth in its preliminary group, after losing to Brazil, Cuba and the Unified Team.

The Dutch will meet Cuba, the Pan American champion, again in the semifinals after the world silver medalist had an easy victory over Spain, Cuba, second in the preliminary group, made the match look effortless against the hapless Spaniards, who qualified only as hosts but then surprised their rivals by reaching the last eight.

Spain's success in progressing that far owed much to its Cuban coach, Gilberto Herrera.

"We are still missing some of the details, we are especially missing central attackers," Herrera said after Cuba's 16-14, 15-9, 15-6 victory.

Brazil, led by its 19-year-old star spiker Negriño, pierced Japan's skillful defense with its big hitting at the net.

After cruising through the first two sets, Brazil fell, 6-1, in the third. The Brazilians slowly cut the deficit until they leveled the score at 12-12 and won the next three points.

Brazil was beaten in the gold medal match by the United States at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles. (AP, Reuters)



Members of the Unified Team celebrating after they had upset the U.S. women's basketball team in the semifinals on Wednesday.

## Japan Wins Bronze in Baseball With 8-3 Triumph Over U.S.

**L'HOSPITALET, Spain** — Koichi Oshima got three hits and drove in four runs Wednesday, leading Japan to the Olympic bronze medal in baseball with an 8-3 triumph over the United States.

Oshima's three-run double in the sixth inning broke open a close game as Japan beat the United States for the second time in four days. Japan had a 7-1 victory over the Americans in the last preliminary match on Sunday.

The Japanese hammered U.S. pitching for 14 hits, including five doubles. Hiroki Kokubo scored twice and drove in two runs, and Yasunori Takami also had two RBIs.

Masanori Sugiyama, 2-0 in the tournament, picked up the victory in relief of starter Tomohito Ito. Sugiyama, who thwarted a U.S. scoring threat in the fifth, gave up just one hit over the final 4 1/3 innings. He walked two and struck out five, including the side in the ninth, as Japanese pitchers totaled 15 strikeouts.

Ron Villone, the U.S. starter who was 1-1 at the Olympics, struggled from the outset. He was helped out of a jam in the first by a line-drive double play, but couldn't record an out in the second as Japan scored four runs.

Shigeki Wakabayashi opened with a double down the left-field line and took third on a wild pitch. After Hirokazu Kojima walked, Kokubo laced one past third for an RBI double.

Ricky Greene relieved and gave up a two-run single to Takami, who went to third on a hit-and-run single by Hiroyuki Sakaguchi and scored on an Oshima single.

Jeff Aikie came in to pitch and avoided further damage by getting Akihiro Togo to line out and Shinichi Sato to hit into a double play.

The United States took advantage of a Japanese error to pull within 4-2 in the fourth. Jason Giambi and Jeffrey Hammonds stroked back-to-back doubles for one run. Michael Tucker walked and Kenzo Sugiyama relieved Ito.

Sugiyama proceeded to strike out Phil Nevin, with catcher Takami attempting to double up Tucker with a snap throw to first. But the throw skipped by first baseman Koji Tokunaga and into right field, as Hammonds scored all the way from second on the error.

The Americans added a run in the fifth but could have had more. Nomar Garciaparra led off with an infield single, stole second and scored on a one-out double by Calvin Murray. Giambi walked, chasing Sugiyama in favor of Sugiyama.

## Unified Team Stuns U.S. Women, 79-73, In Basketball Semis

**BARCELONA** — With every advancement against its press, with every uncontested shot, with every passing second, it became all too clear Wednesday that the U.S. women's basketball team was not what it was cracked up to be. It was not in a league of its own.

"We hadn't been in a close game," said one of the players, Medina Dixon. "We questioned that. How would we act? How would we flow together?"

The answers brought joy to the players and coaches of the Unified Team, and tears for the Americans, who just two days before had stated their intention to be remembered as "a team of an era."

Now, after a stunning 79-73 defeat at the hands of the team that was formerly the Soviet Union, the United States would have no opportunity to defend the gold medal it won in 1984 and 1988. Its Olympic record of 15 straight victories broken along with its press, the United States would play Cuba on Friday afternoon for the bronze.

In the second semifinal, China had little trouble advancing, with a 68-35 rout of the Cubans.

Dixon, acknowledging the standard that this team of 11 professionals and one school-teaching mother had set, said, "I don't even think I'd carry it home."

In a year when the American men's game is being celebrated internationally like never before, to fall was the worst of all nightmares for the talented U.S. women.

The fans and media here had fallen in love with the U.S. point guard, 5-foot-4 inch (1.63-meter), 120-pound (54-kilogram) mother of one, Suzie McConnell. But unlike past Soviet teams, these Unified players were just as quick and perhaps more cunning than the Americans.

The Unified Team had three bigger versions of McConnell, in 5-9 Elena Chvachivitch, 5-8 Irina Soummikova and 5-9 Svetlana Zaboloueva.

Their intentions were to not merely break the press, but to attack it, in turn it against the United States. By the start of the second

## Spain to Meet Poland in Soccer Final

**VALENCIA, Spain** — Abceldario Fernandez and Rafael Berges ended Spain's 12-year wait for an Olympic soccer medal on Wednesday by firing the host nation to a 2-0 semifinal victory over Ghana.

Spain will meet Poland in the final. Poland thrashed Australia, 6-1, in the other semifinal.

It was in 1920 that the Spanish won its only Olympic football medal and it is assured of at least gaining another silver after goals from Fernandez in the 25th minute and Berges in the 53d.

The only cloud on the golden horizon for Spain is a calf injury to forward José Amavisca, who was carried off on a stretcher after a late tackle.

The Ghana defense paid the price for its physical approach when Osei Kuffour was sent off in the 47th minute with a second yellow card.

Fernandez, the team's most experienced international player, slid in between two defenders to side-foot home a curling free-kick from the left by José Guardiola.

Tony Menenti denied Spain in the 35th minute by turning round a kick from Albert Ferrer and three minutes later when he parried a lachrymator effort from Amavisca. But the Ghana goalkeeper was at fault with Berges's goal. He got down far too late and allowed the ball to sneak into the corner of the net.

## Another Endorsement For NBA at the Games

**BARCELONA** — The war of words between the U.S. Olympic Committee and its basketball team escalated when Boris Stankovic, the executive director of FIBA, defended the team and said its critics were "jealous of the attention" it has received at the Games.

In addition, a source close to the National Basketball Association said that its commissioner, David Stern, had been telephoned this week by the IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, and thanked for the league's participation. Stern, the source added, has also been assured by Dr. Harvey Schilling, the USOC's executive director, that the organization had no plans to return to the days of using college players in the Olympics.

Stankovic, in response to a remark by Leroy Walker, the nominee as the next U.S. committee president, that he was "not convinced yet" that the United States should have NBA players in the 1996 Games in Atlanta, said, "It is necessary to ask him if he will send another team that will not win the gold medal and how the people will feel then."

Stankovic has strongly advocated opening the Olympics to the NBA professionals.

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half, the Unified Team leading 47-41, the press was called off, the game was slowed down and the Americans were trying mightily to find a way to cope.

With her team trailing 54-43, looking ready to be blown out, the U.S. coach, Theresa Grentz, found it with the reserve players Clarissa Davis and Carolyn Jones, who led a 14-1 run that gave the United States a 57-55 lead with 12 minutes 39 seconds left.

"I thought we were on our way," said Grentz, the head coach at Rutgers. "I thought maybe they were tired."

In addition to its spunky guards, the Unified Team had two big players — 6-4 center Elena Khoudachova and 6-2 forward Natalia Zassoulskaia — who could catch and shoot the ball in traffic in the lane. Those two made a combined 14 of their 24 shots, with Zassoulskaia's 7 points down the stretch pulling the Unified Team from a 65-63 deficit to a 75-70 lead.

The Americans had chances to catch up, more than they would want to remember. Five free throws were missed in the last 5:25. Several close-in shots changed off the rim. Katrina McClain and Teresa Edwards shooting a combined 6 for 17, and Dixon, the team's leading scorer here, taking only five shots.

Crucial turnovers turned expressions of hope to looks of despair, the last one of consequence coming when McConnell lost control of the ball in the corner with her team still within a three-point shot.

Soon, the winners, who will be split virtually in half when the Unified Team disbands after the Olympics, were marching out of the arena, most of them making a point to wear the USA Basketball caps they had received in the traditional pregame exchange of gifts. The U.S. players, in their dazed hour of defeat, repeatedly referred to their conquerors as "the Soviets."

The magnitude of the defeat, for apolitical reasons, was as upsetting for them as any from the Cold-War era.

"This will leave a scar for the rest of our lives," said the U.S. guard Teresa Weatherspoon.

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ART BUCHWALD

Purple Prose for Bush

WASHINGTON—There is no getting around it. President Bush's campaign is out doing well. The polls show him falling way behind, and his political workers are discouraged.



Art Buchwald

What must Mr. Bush do to gain the initiative? I respectfully submit some modest ideas. For starters, the president has to come out fighting even if it will cost him his friendship with Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

The president must appear before the American people and tell them what went wrong with Washington during his four-year term. It was the inaction of a liberal, free-spending Democratic Congress that refused to pass the Bush economic programs that could have avoided a recession.

People expect strong leadership from their president. Bush must announce at the Republican Convention that he will appoint Dan Quayle as his czar of All American Family Values as well as of the lumber industry in the Northwest.

Yeltsin Tightens Art Export Lid

MOSCOW—President Boris Yeltsin of Russia on Wednesday ordered the establishment of a federal agency for the protection of Russia's cultural heritage in a bid to clamp down on art smuggling.

The decree states that the agency will be set up within two months and will "strictly limit" the number of licenses granted to exporters of art.

The president must stop the cruel attacks on Dan Quayle's spelling. He could easily do this by listing the number of times that Abraham Lincoln misspelled "potato" in the Gettysburg Address.

The area which is giving the president the most trouble is unemployment. The workers who have been laid off are not impressed when the president tells them that this is the greatest country in the world—and that there more people are working than are not working.

Bush has to hit the subject head on and take the blame for the economic slowdown. To do this he could just say that Roosevelt caused the recession that Ronald Reagan inherited from Jimmy Carter.

One of the reasons for the president is doing so poorly in the polls is that some people are beginning to suspect that Desert Storm was an exercise in futility.

The reason they feel this way is that every night when they turn on their TV sets they see Saddam Hussein sticking his tongue out at Bush, as well as making wiggly signs with his fingers in his ears.

The president can no longer remain silent on Desert Storm. He needs to explain to the country that a Democratic Congress, led by the Teddy Kennedy liberals, prevented him from getting Saddam Hussein when he was on his knees.

The one word that seems to have caught on in this campaign is "change." Perot started it, and the two major candidates picked it up. Bush and Clinton have promised that, if elected, they would give the voter the change he craves for.

Finally, the president is in need of a new phrase to replace "Read my lips." Something like this would work: "If I raise taxes, you can pinch my cheeks."

Carol and Maureen: Friendly Fencing

By Ron Alexander

New York Times Service

NEW YORK—The night before, Liz Minnelli sat on the same red leather banquette, reserved for the Russian Tea Room for celebrities. And now here, up front, is Carol Matthau, best known—until her current splash—as the wife of the actor Walter Matthau; before that, the wife (twice) of the writer William Saroyan.

She gets the VIP treatment: What a difference writing a much-talked-about book can make, especially if it's a juicy, name-dropping, bed-bouncing, no-beach-blanket-should-be-without-it memoir like Matthau's "Among the Porcupines."

The author is something of a throwback. Much of her life, as she chooses to tell it, has been spent in the shadows of high achievers, the half-dark of nightclubs, the bedrooms of distinguished others, usually writers.

She claims in the book that Truman Capote based Holly Golightly on her—easy to believe when she says she uses pink polish on her fingernails but bright red on her toes—but it is Blanche DuBois who immediately comes to mind.

Those looking for a dark side beneath Matthau's makeup mention the alienation between her and her two children by William Saroyan, though she is close to her son by Matthau.

She is vague, too, about her age, though she went to school and grew up with Oona O'Neill, her lifelong friend, who was 66 when she died in 1991.

The book gave the author an excuse to lunch with Maureen Stapleton, an old friend who figures prominently in the story. The two have known each other since the early '50s, before Carol Gage became Matthau, even before they appeared together in the S.N. Behrman play "The Cold Wind and the Warm." Stapleton, the younger of the two, played her grandmother.

They've been, Matthau writes, "close, close friends" ever since. She says that her friend is "very beautiful"—she looks like a shattered old-fashioned valentine. Also that Stapleton "rarely took a bath" and is "always performing with a hangover."

What are close, close friends for, anyway? "Good God, Carol, you're as pale as ever," Stapleton declares, leaning back. "Everybody comes back from California with a tan. You come back looking like Lady Macbeth. You were always hiding from the sun. Big hats. Big parasols."



"What you said — and I've never forgotten it — was 'You might as well make up; they're all pains.'"

Carol Matthau



"Right, I have two ex-husbands to prove it."

Maureen Stapleton

Stapleton lights a cigarette. "Carol," she says, "in over 30 years I've seen you only once without makeup. I still can't believe you put on makeup at night! And not just overnight creams—that I could understand. But that dressy-occasion stuff."

She reaches for her glass of red wine. "I'll never forget your look of astonishment," Matthau recalls with glee. "Make-up at night? You asked, 'Is somebody coming?' Anyway, I did persuade you to take off that Betty Boop lipstick you were using."

Stapleton says, defensively, nostalgically: "It was Victory Red. That should give you a clue to how long ago it was. Elizabeth Arden."

"Who else?" Matthau replies. Matthau is a wife of a woman with eyes that go beyond pleading "Please be kind." They say, rather, "I know you'll be kind."

There are only two roles she says she would like to play: Mary Tyrone in "Long Day's Journey Into Night" ("Once upon a night? You asked, 'Is somebody coming?'") and, as she puts it: "The lady who sells magazine subscriptions on the telephone. You know, 'The Glass Menagerie.'"

Stapleton takes a gulp of wine on that one. "Remember the time I took the train to L.A., and you hired a Salvation Army band to meet me?" says Stapleton, who never flies.

"I asked them to play 'Easy Come, Easy Go,' and they told me they would only play one of their songs," Matthau says. "They played something like 'There's Power in the Blood,'" Stapleton says. It is Matthau's turn.

"And do you remember that rainy Saturday and the tremendous sale at Fort-au-l'ait?" Stapleton picks up the story: "I'd never heard of Port-au-l'ait, and that man took us upstairs to show us those peach satin sheets. Eighty cents spent 80 days or something weaving them for the Shah of Somewhere or Other."

"Do you still have what you bought that day?" Matthau asks. "I have whatever it was you made me buy. Probably never used."

"You know, I also remember how you got me to make up with Walter after I'd had that big fight with him. What you said—and I've never forgotten it—was 'You might as well make up; they're all pains.'"

was the first time," Matthau says. "I married Walter because I love to sleep with him. When I bring him coffee in bed, I make sure to put a fresh flower and a poem on the tray."

There is a pause. "Another red wine?" a passing waiter asks. "What the hell?" Stapleton replies. "She said I'm a drunk, and I don't want to make a liar out of her. Listen, could you please wrap these binis in a doggie bag?"

Suddenly the topic is Carson McCullers. "She was so lovely," Matthau says softly. "Oh, Carol, come on," Stapleton says, somewhat less softly. "A conversation with her was like talking to smoke. And whatever happened to that play she supposedly was writing for me, ho-ho-ho."

Matthau writes late at night on lined yellow paper. The next morning she often can't read what she wrote. "It is wonderful to make love and then write," she says. "It expands your mind."

Stapleton polishes off her wine. "Maureen, I felt so energized writing the book," Matthau says. "Did you tell the truth?" Stapleton asks. "In life I play games, but never in a book," Matthau says. Her friend nods approval, they hug, and then it is time to go.

PEOPLE

'Major League' Actor Pays \$93,500 for a Ball

Charlie Sheen, who acted in the movie "Major League," paid \$93,500 for the baseball that slipped between Bill Buckner's legs and ultimately cost the Boston Red Sox the 1986 World Series. The ball was signed by Mookie Wilson, the New York Mets player who hit it. Mike Tyson's leather crotch protector, worn in training during the 1980s, didn't do as well. It was expected to fetch \$2,000 to \$2,500 but went for only \$1,650. Other items at the sports memorabilia auction in New York included uniforms worn by Ty Cobb, Roger Maris and Tom Seaver. About 265 items sold for a total of \$1.2 million.

Ivana Trump must settle her account with Investigative Group Inc., which claims she owes it \$233,000 for snooping done during her divorce. The agency charged in a lawsuit that Trump paid \$75,000 of a \$308,000 bill for tracking down Maria Winkler, Donald J. Trump's girlfriend. Justice Shirley J. Wood rejected Ivana's argument that she limited IGI to \$100,000 worth of work. The judge said Trump's lawyer authorized IGI to exceed the limit. Fingerhuth directed both sides to present arguments to a court-appointed referee.

Sting, 40, the lead singer of the rock group Police, will marry his long-time girlfriend, Trudie Styler, 36, this month. The couple's three children will attend the simple register office ceremony, a spokesman said in London.

Prince Edward, 28, at the helm of his 9-meter (30-foot) yacht, crashed onto the rocks Wednesday after colliding with another boat during a yachting race in southern England. Edward, a former marine cadet and youngest son of Queen Elizabeth, was not hurt. He and his two crew members retired from the race.

Japan's crown prince, Naruhito, 32, still hasn't found a bride and the Japanese media have agreed to extend a six-month news blackout on his romantic aspirations for three more months. Palace officials fear that publicity will scare away potential candidates.

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